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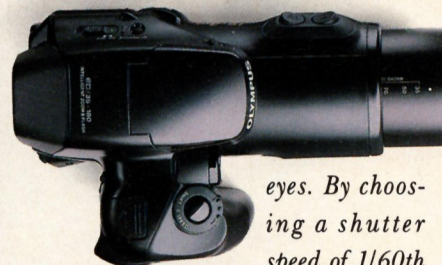
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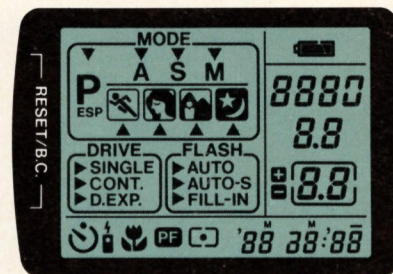
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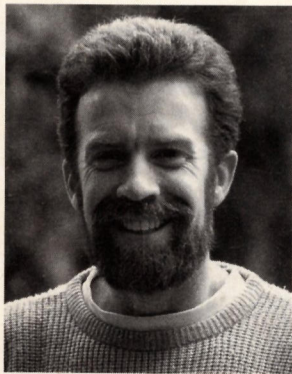
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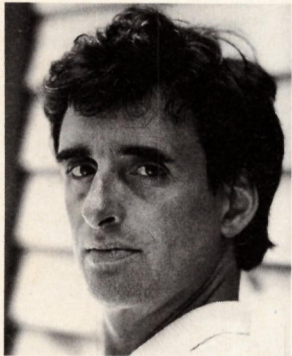
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Long before Walden found his pond, sojourns into nature's solitude have afforded an opportunity for peaceful introspection and quiet observation—two activities not often enjoyed by busy Americans competing in a global economy. In order to take a break from the business of life, we frequently require a catalyst: for some it's a plane ticket out of town; for others it's a fishing rod, a sailboat, a backpack...or a camera. As a not-so-young urban professional, photography is the perfect prescription for my hypertension—those times, with camera in hand, when a particularly slow-to-develop scene requires me to slow down, wait and sip at the surroundings, rather than eat and run. A favorite summer pastime is sitting atop the baked-potato rocks of the Alabama Hills, waiting for the sun to set behind Mount Whitney and paint the

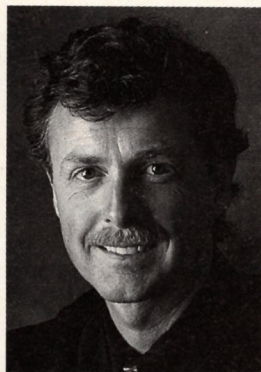


William Neill, Art Wolfe, Ned Gillette: Slowing down the photo process in the fall woods, in the camera, on the highest mountain.



high cirrus clouds in shades of tangerine and peach; waiting for the wind to die; waiting for the rocks to release their heat; waiting for the hard light to turn soft; then after sunset, waiting until the last lavender glow leaves the sky.

Savored by many photographers is the wait for the blaze of autumn to break the monotony of summer green, then strolling into the cool woods to find the perfect combination of color and symmetry. In his discourse on fall photography, "The Art Of Autumn," page 36, William Neill extols early on the pleasures and benefits of taking it slow, taking the time to look thoroughly—an essential prerequisite to any discussion of film choice and camera technique.



Careful and deliberate observance is also the theme of Art Wolfe's lesson on composition in which he illustrates the process for distilling a scene to its graphic essence. This issue contains the first installment in a series of nine exclusive excerpts that we'll be publishing from *The Art Of Photographing Nature* by Wolfe and co-author, Martha Hill, a former *Audubon* photo editor (and wife of Kevin Schafer, a past contributor to *OP*), page 54. You can look forward to the remaining eight articles on a variety of subjects in upcoming issues, spread over the next 12 months.

Marshall Noice demonstrates the ultimate photographic distillation of the landscape when he reduces the spectacular scenery of Montana's Glacier National Park to the simplicity of black-and-white tones—"Glacier In Black & White," page 58. Just as he must have painstakingly chosen his subjects for their exceptional light and texture, so the viewer of the finished photograph is compelled to linger.

Finally, adventurer Ned Gillette relates the success of his climb and photos taken from the world's highest vantage point in "View From Everest," page 30. It's hard to imagine a place on this Earth where a photographer's steps come slower and the landscape is more breathtaking (pun intended), yet photography is more of a chore than on 29,000-foot Mount Everest. It's a rare example of an instance in which a protracted pace and the photographic process are at odds.

—Steve Werner, Editor

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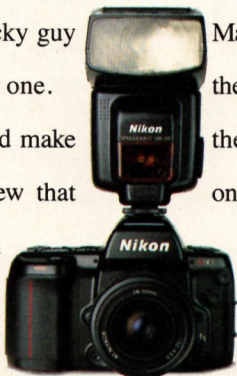
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"Excuse me, Mr. Burning Man, please hold still while I figure this stuff out."

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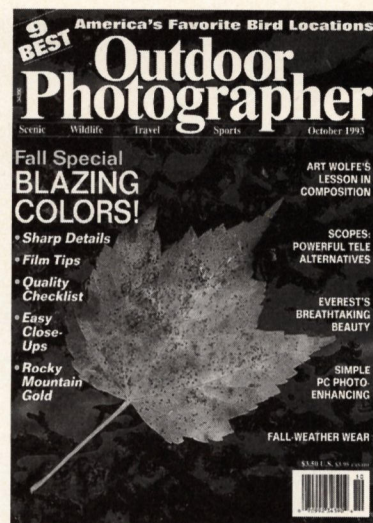
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COVER SHOT



Photographer: John Netherton

Subject: Red leaf at Fall Creek Falls State Park, Tennessee

Equipment: Nikon F4, Nikkor 60mm Micro, Fujichrome 50

Exposure: 1 sec. at f/22

Situation: Every few years, photographer John Netherton makes the short trip to Fall Creek Falls State Park from his Nashville, Tenn., home. The park is best known for the half-dozen scenic waterfalls scattered throughout.

On a bright autumn afternoon with an intense blue sky, Netherton came upon this waterfall. It was around high noon and the strong overhead sunlight made shooting in the open impossible. By working in the shade, time that would have been wasted could be spent making a great image.

Netherton liked the basic setup, but felt that there was no real focal point. After about 15 minutes of scouting in the area near the falls, this red leaf was located. The leaf met Netherton's criteria of being almost perfect—that anything placed into a photograph should have some minor imperfection in order to make the feeling of the shot believable.

Whenever Netherton strongly feels that an image has great merit, he exposes several camera-original dupes. He adjusted the leaf a few times and settled on this diagonal composition. The bright blue of the sky reflecting in the water created contrast with the leaf and added the final touch that made this the photo of the day for Netherton.

LETTERS

Nikon Correction

Several Nikon sales and technical persons brought the August '93 issue of *OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHER* to my attention. It appears there's a typographical error on page 26 in the Gadget Bag article, "Double Your Pleasure."

The article reads, "When used with the 'D' series of Nikon lenses, both teleconverters allow for full electronic coupling of the lens to the camera body." Instead of referring to the "D" series of Nikon lenses, the copy should have said "AF-I" series of lenses.

The two teleconverters about which you wrote are compatible exclusively with Nikon "AF-I" lenses, and while the "AF-I" lenses are also "D" lenses, not all "D-type" lenses are "AF-I" lenses.

Richard LoPinto
Vice-President, Nikon Inc.
Photo Marketing Division
Melville, New York

Volleyball Shooting Tips Score

I loved the article, "Set-Shoot-Score!" by Thom Harrop in the August issue. As an avid AVP fan and an amateur photographer, I greatly appreciated the tips provided. I realized a lot of the mistakes I was making.

I find that the volleyball tour is the best place to capture some fantastic sports photos. As Craig Flax said, everybody is laid back on the beach and the players are all eager to hold lengthy conversations with the fans. The best pictures to take are often on the outer courts where sometimes it's only you and the players.

I'm glad to see the AVP and its photographers get the attention they deserve. I'll be trying out those new tips at the Tour's next stop. See you on the beach!

Amy Ruggini
Raritan, New Jersey

Lightning Strikes Again

Your feature on lightning in the August '93 issue by Keith Kent ("A Flash Of Inspiration") struck up some old memories of seeing "ball lightning" when I was a child. I've pursued this issue for years, writing to photographers of lightning with no results.

Recently, I got lucky and observed hundreds of ball lightning-like discharges in the super-voltage machines at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and elsewhere.

Igor Alexeff
Professor of Electrical Engineering
The University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Olympus OM-4, Not IS-3

Due to a mix-up of slides and captions submitted for the Olympus IS-2 and IS-3 test article in the August issue ("The Dynamic Duo From Olympus"), the caption for the photograph on page 57 of Crystal Geyser near Green River, Utah, needs some clarification.

Crystal Geyser is a beautiful phenomenon—a cold-water, CO₂ geyser that erupts every 12 to 14 hours and reaches a height of around 100 feet. Eruptions last 10 to 20 minutes.

The photo was not taken with the IS-3—it was taken with my Olympus OM-4—and is a double exposure. The image of the moon, which was behind me, was taken using a 200mm lens and the exposure was 1/60 sec. at f/16. With the moon in the frame, I switched to a 24mm lens at f/2.8 and composed the scene to include the geyser, the mountain backdrop, the North Star and the Big Dipper.

When the geyser began to erupt, I opened the shutter with a locking cable. Standing outside the field of view, I shone a powerful flashlight on the geyser stream, running the light up and down the entire height of the eruption. The total exposure time was approximately 10 minutes. This was one of those wild-guess, experimental photos that produced stunning results.

It would not have been possible to take this photo with the Olympus IS-3 since the camera's maximum aperture is 4.5.

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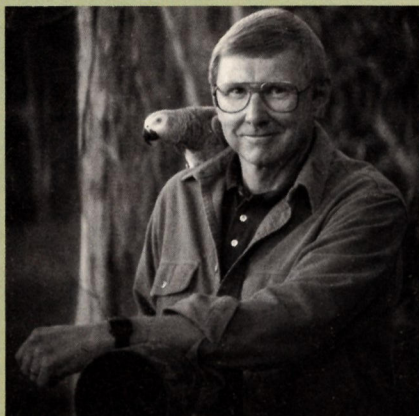
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BY GEORGE LEPP

Every year I run a photography workshop at Mono Lake on the east side of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains, and each year the participants discover tips or problems that reflect conditions found by many outdoor photographers. Here are the jewels from this year's session.

Getting More Than Expected

I've discovered that many outdoor photographers don't realize their viewfinders are showing only 92 to 94 percent of what will be on the film. The only 35mm SLR cameras that are manufactured with 100-percent viewfinders are the Canon EOS-1 and the Nikon F2, F3 and F4. All the rest show less.

This means the photographer using the diminished viewfinder must be aware of what is at the edges of the composed image. Branches, leaves, weeds—all have a habit of showing up at the edge where they aren't welcome. I've often heard the excuse that the slide mount or the negative printing machine cut off the approximate amount not shown in the viewfinder. Not!

One of the reasons the pros use EOS-1s and F4s is the 100-percent viewfinder. So why don't more camera manufacturers make them? The added cost to manufacturing larger viewfinders has been a hindrance.

Malfunctions? Battery Check!

If one of your electronic accessories begins to malfunction, the odds are good that the cause is batteries low in power. The camera just plain quits when the voltage falls below a certain level. With electronic flash units, the



built-in Fresnel zooms can start to zoom in and out, distance displays begin to blink and recycle times get

ridiculous. Don't send the unit in for repair—replace the batteries. Better yet, use rechargeable auxiliary power

packs to save the high price of short-term alkaline batteries. When waiting to photograph birds from a blind, for instance, the long recycle time and low number of available flashes make an external battery pack a must. The problem is equally as devastating with professional and even point-and-shoot cameras.

If you're going to be in the field for an extended period of time, purchase a power converter that recharges one or more battery packs by converting the 12-volt battery power from your vehicle into usable AC power. It takes minimal power to completely recharge a small auxiliary flash power pack from a car's large battery.

I say it every year, and I'll say it again: Carry extra camera batteries with you at all times. Don't leave them back in the car; they won't help you after you've climbed that mountain and have a pika in view when the camera goes belly-up with a dead battery.

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Body Care

Not camera bodies, but our own bodies. This bit of advice comes from yours truly by firsthand experience. When working at higher elevations, be sure to drink plenty of liquids to avoid dehydration. The combination of low humidity, exertion from climbing and the possibility of altitude sickness dictates the need for extra fluids. I didn't pay heed and paid a visit to the emergency room of a nearby hospital. Save yourself a lot of problems by carrying a plastic bottle filled with water or a special beverage like Gatorade. These fluids are absorbed by the body more quickly than water, but both will allow you to concentrate fully on your photography.

An Eye-On-Eye Correction

One workshop participant was having difficulty focusing an autofocus camera. Placing that lens on my identical camera body, I discovered that the lens focused perfectly. The culprit was a diopter control for the viewfinder that had been moved out

of position accidentally. If the setting isn't too far off, however, the eye can adjust to a degree. But by simply resetting the diopter adjustment back to "0," the lens again focused easily. I later checked my cameras and found one of them had the viewfinder diopter set to the wrong setting. Check your own camera before heading into the field to be sure your viewfinder image will be sharp—the first prerequisite for capturing good images on film.

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One of my workshop participants showed me a simple tip that I implemented immediately. He had taken white paint and filled in the dot that marked the aligning point on his lens and body caps. How many times have you fumbled with replacing caps? I used a liquid paper correction fluid to fill in the dots on my lens and body caps, and it does make a difference.

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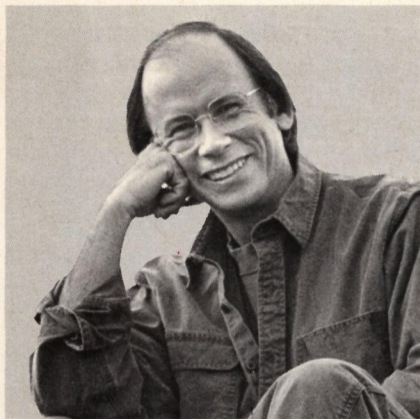
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BY DEWITT JONES



Cold, riding home late...winter, that would work. Riding home late in winter.... Focusing the vision. Looking at a scene until you abstract its essence; until you can show the viewer just what they need to see and nothing more. This is the heart of the photographic process, a game I love to play over and over again.

Staring through the viewfinder, something out there is exciting me. What is it? The line? The color? The texture? The feeling of loneliness? Slowly the feelings focus and articulate themselves.

Big flakes falling, dampening all around. No wind. The soft pressure of the silence. That's the feeling.

I was in Scotland, shooting for Dewar's Scotch. While my crew was running cable to light a pre-electric castle, I garnered a few moments for myself and slipped outside into the newly fallen snow with my camera



and my long lenses. Silent and monochromatic, it was a world of black and white in color—a huge, hushed, pencil-sketch world. I zoomed my lens to 200mm and started scanning. What exactly was I looking for? I really didn't know, not yet. Abstraction, that was the beginning of it. I wanted my photo to have

the same penciled feeling as the landscape before me.

My lens came to rest on a composition of trees and a farm (photo #1). The telephoto lens compressed the landscape, removing the sense of depth and, in doing so, increasing its intensity. Trees in the upper right background were seen in the same

plane as the buildings in the lower left, the resultant feeling more like a drawing than a photograph. That part I liked. But the overall composition had still not resolved itself. The more I looked, the more I realized that the focus of this shot was the farm buildings and they were hidden by the trees. Trees hiding other trees my mind could handle, but trees hiding buildings—my mind wouldn't let that alone. It kept pushing to see what the farmhouse looked like and became frustrated when it couldn't. "Keep looking," I thought. "This is just the right answer."

Not close to a farmhouse, away and alone, maybe in the fields.... I'll try it.

From my distant vantage point, I couldn't bring the farmhouses from behind the trees, so I kept scanning. "Simplify, simplify," my mind kept repeating. I switched to a 300mm lens. Up...no, a little more to the left...there (photo #2).

My feelings and the composition were beginning to come together. The 300mm lens had heightened compression and the shot was much simpler. Four clear compositional elements: the hedgerow and fence in the foreground, the row of trees in the middle, the forest on the crest of the hill and the line of the road weaving them together. "Better," I thought. "Much better."

Not the fields...the forests. The dark silent mystery of the forests. That's it, that feels right.

The more I looked, however, the more I began to see a composition within the composition. The tree, road and hedgerow in the lower half of the frame were mirrored by the tree, road and forest at the top. I put on my 400mm to get even closer.

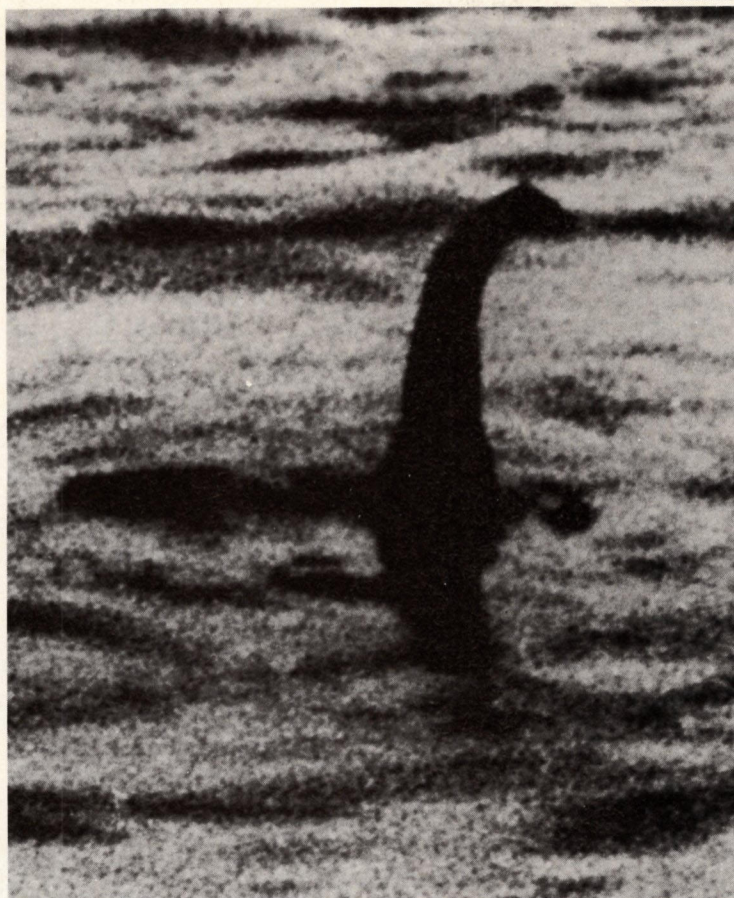
Simplicity at last. My eye stood before the single, silent tree in the center of the photograph. It trudged slowly and inevitably up the snow-covered road and stared into the darkness of the forest, darkness comforting yet foreboding at the same time. Just two elements and the road linking them. Clear focus. Clear vision. Just sit with it for a moment and enjoy it. Push the shutter (photo #3).

They were calling from the castle that the lighting setup was complete. I let my eye linger just a moment more....

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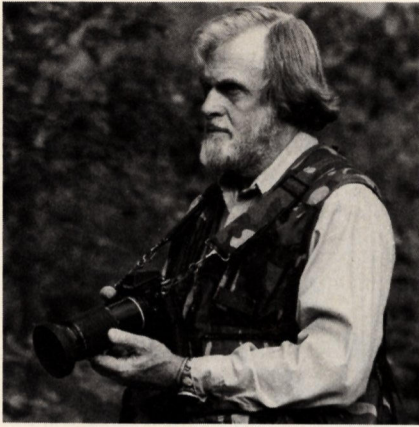
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Treasure Of The Santa Ana

This small wildlife refuge offers big rewards for the photographer who has the patience to capture its various inhabitants

BY LEONARD LEE RUE III



One of the best-kept secrets in outdoor photography is the Santa Ana Refuge. Although small in size, in photographic possibilities it is a treasure trove. Located along the Rio Grande River just east of McAllen, Texas, Santa Ana is a little more than six square miles in area, and contains some of the last wild riverine brushland in Texas.

I haven't counted my sightings list of North American birds recently, but it probably numbers more than 400 species. In my first pass through the refuge, I was thrilled to add five new

birds to my list, and as time goes on that becomes difficult to do. In the brushland, I saw the chachalaca, the green jay and the Lichtenstein oriole. On one of the ponds, I saw the least grebe and on a branch overlooking the pond, I spotted a kiskadee flycatcher. What was even more thrilling was that over the next two days, I was able to photograph all five species. I saw many other birds during my visits in the refuge, including the lesser and greater yellowlegs, the caracara and the black-bellied tree duck.

I suggest entering Santa Ana at sunrise when the refuge's wildlife is most active. Strategically located

throughout the park are several wooden bird blinds, which are open to all visitors on a first come, first serve basis. The rangers put out cut oranges for the orioles and seeds for the green jays at feeding stations placed in front of the blinds. Since the blinds are a good size, they'll easily hold three or four photographers at a time, and one blind even has wheelchair access. One disadvantage is that people are constantly entering and leaving the blind, which doesn't really disturb the birds but may cause camera shake through vibration.

You can take good photographs using an 80-200mm lens. My favorite lens is the Nikon 200-400mm zoom,

and with the longer lenses in the 300-400mm-length range, you can take superb photos. Although there's a lot of brush and shade, it's not a dense shade because the brush is fairly open around the blinds. I didn't use flash since there were enough branches exposed to sunlight upon which the birds perched to allow me to shoot without flash. I'm not sure if flash is allowed in the refuge, but I always prefer not to use flash in any situation unless I absolutely must. The birds, particularly the chachalacas, have become so accustomed to people that you can do a lot of photography by simply walking through the refuge with your camera and tripod.

The chachalacas look like miniature wild turkey hens and a nickname for the bird is "brush turkey." The birds are olive tan in color, about 18 inches in length and have a dark tail tipped in white, which is about eight inches long. You won't have any trouble finding these birds as they're very garrulous, making a constant racket with their calling. They flutter up into the bushes to sit in the early morning sun to warm themselves. The chachalacas are very common in the refuge, but are comparatively rare outside of it since the Mexican side of the Rio Grande hasn't been as extensively developed as the American side, which provides the brush cover the birds need.

Small cats like the ocelot and jaguarundi, or eyra, are found in the refuge, but I didn't see either, as these are extremely furtive animals. I saw no deer or javelinas either, although both are found there. Also common in the refuge are the least grebes—little, dark butterballs of fluff. Because they're only about six inches long, you'll need your larger lenses. The edges of the park also teem with egrets, herons, ibis, ducks and shorebirds.

To work the ponds, you'll want to bring your big artillery—600mm or 800mm lenses and the 1.4 teleconverters. Although I saw no snakes in the refuge, the underbrush is ideal for the western diamondback rattlesnake, while the rushy marsh edge is a perfect habitat for the cottonmouth moccasin. By using your long lenses, you won't have to walk through the high cover where you may encounter either of these large, poisonous snakes.

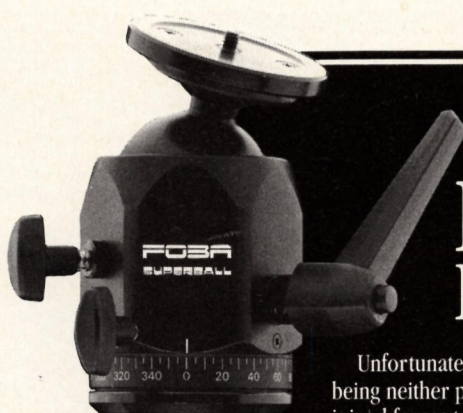
To play it safe, you may want to wear snakeproof boots. I prefer to wear the Rattlers snakeproof chaps and good hiking boots that give max-

imum protection. The chaps also give you excellent protection against the thorns and spines on the vegetation. As a protection against chiggers and ticks, I saturate the legs of my pants with Permanone. I take the proper precautions before I go out in the field so I can photograph with a minimum of concern.

Despite its name, the Rio Grande isn't a particularly beautiful river, and when I was there, it was very muddy from the high water runoff caused by recent rains. There are about 14 miles of foot paths in the

refuge, with a good one running to the river. For those interested in botany, the refuge offers a great variety of vegetation found nowhere else in the United States. Five of the champion large trees of the United States are found in the refuge, including a huge ebony tree with a trunk circumference of 131 inches.

The best time to visit the Santa Ana Refuge is during the winter to avoid the searing summer heat and humidity. I don't care what Horace Greeley said—I say, "Go south, young man and young woman, go south." **OP**



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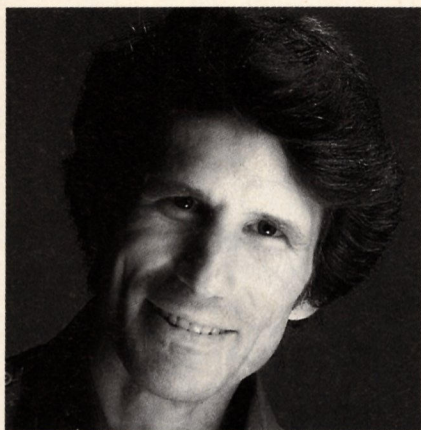
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The Photographer As A Blind Monkey

Vision doesn't always come through our eyes—it must be filtered through our conscious awareness

BY GALEN ROWELL



After a one-day seminar for hundreds of photographers, a few participants invited me out for a beer. As we sat down, several people thanked me profusely for the visionary philosophy I had expressed, while one fellow seemed clearly unenthusiastic. Had I offended him? Perhaps he was an engineer who took personally my comment that members of his profession are more likely to make technically perfect but uninspired photographs because they've been taught to present facts without emotion. When I tried to bring him out

by asking about his photography, his answers were lackluster.

After a couple of beers, he let it out: "All that visionary crap about Einstein and Van Gogh won't do us any good. You take your kind of pictures; we take ours. You see the world differently because you always have. You gave us a few technical tips, but that visionary crap went right over my head. I'm going to go out and shoot the same kind of pictures I've always shot."

Later that evening, I laid awake in yet another Holiday Inn wondering if either this doubter or his more enthusiastic buddies would really improve the way they saw the world

through the lens after passively ingesting my seminar.

My wife, Barbara, has voiced the same kind of doubt about my current book project. By both natural gift and osmosis, she has become a visionary photographer in her own right, but she questions whether the biological and scientific information I've been researching will have much relevance for the average photographer.

My future book, *The Visionary Wilderness*, will explore the cognitive chasm between what the eye and the camera see. At first I shared Barbara's doubts that mere knowledge about the differences between how we create imagery in our minds and on film

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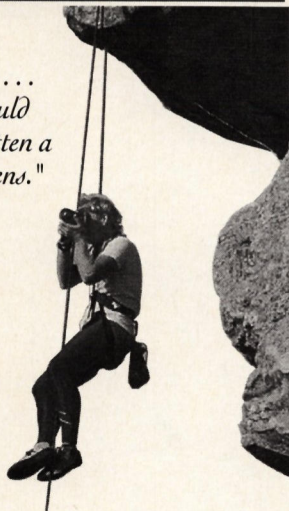
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Before I dozed off, I thought of a provocative statement that really would have raised the neck hairs of the visionary doubter at my seminar: I have reason to believe that a blind monkey could make a better photographer than a blind man who denies the visionary aspect of sight.

I'm not talking about any blind monkey here, nor am I saying that blind monkeys take better photographs than your average engineer. I have in mind a specific comparison between one blind monkey and human beings who suffer from the same rare kind of cortical blindness. Their eyes are functional, but no image forms in their brains.

As part of a Cambridge study into a fascinating syndrome called "blind-sight" begun in the '60s by Lawrence Weiskrantz, Helen the rhesus monkey had her entire striate cortex surgically removed. Weiskrantz was studying similarly blind humans who have no conscious awareness of "seeing" objects before their eyes. Several human subjects, when coerced to reach for something unseen, extended their hand in the proper direction and unconsciously opened it the proper amount to grasp differing "unseen" objects, such as pens or cantaloupes. Even after hundreds of successful trials, these subjects insisted nothing was "there" for them to see.

Humans with "blindsight" are consistently passive about their ability to sense objects they can't consciously see. (Just as those photographers who can't "see" pictures are consistently passive about imagining how their results on film compare to what they saw before their eyes.) What is happening in "blindsight" is not that a person is unable to act, but that he or she chooses not to make an unreasonable gesture toward something unless its presence is "sanctioned" by conscious awareness.

We might expect Helen to have

lived out her days huddling in fear in a tiny cage, maimed in the interest of science, but she performed far better than her more free and comfortable "blindsighted" human counterparts. Nicholas Humphrey, a graduate student of Weiskrantz' in the '60s, describes how he "worked with her for seven years...coaxed her and encouraged her...played with her and took her for walks in the fields near the laboratory. I tried in every way to persuade her she was not blind.... Eventually she could move deftly through a room full of obstacles and pick up tiny currants from the floor. She could even reach out and catch a passing fly. Her 3-D spatial vision and her ability to discriminate between objects that differed in size or brightness became almost perfect.... When she was running around a room she generally seemed as confident as any normal monkey. But the least upset and she would go to pieces: An unexpected noise or even the presence of an unfamiliar person in the room was enough to reduce her to a state of blind confusion. It was as though, even after all those years, she was still uncertain of her own capacity—and could only see provided she did not try too hard to see."

For Humphrey, Helen was a link in a lifelong study he chronicled in his 1992 book, *A History of the Mind: Evolution and the Birth of Consciousness*. He believes one reason that no human has ever approached Helen's ability to function with "blindsight" is that humans are so self-consciously aware that they don't want to appear foolish by reaching out for things they can't see or trying to move quickly among them. As Humphrey quips, "Foolishness is probably not an emotion that monkeys feel." Anyone who has been to the zoo knows monkeys act out in all sorts of ways that human beings would never think of doing in public.

Monkeys easily learn tricks because they act more on impulse than on consciously recalled procedures. Thus the tale of a blind monkey and a blind man, both receiving visual information without conscious awareness, is a parable for the difference between photographers who act on impulse to emotionally express visionary scenes on film and those

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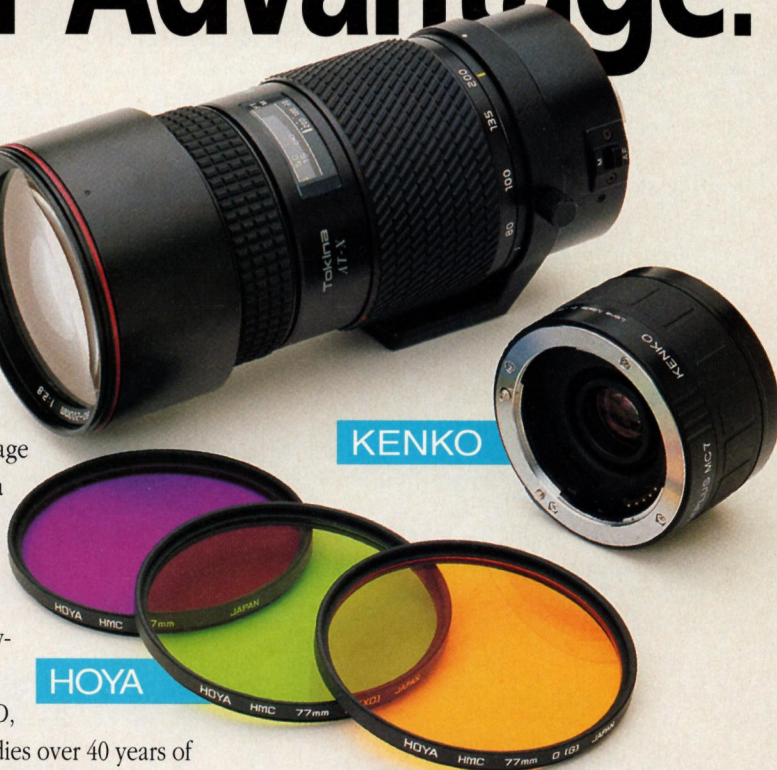
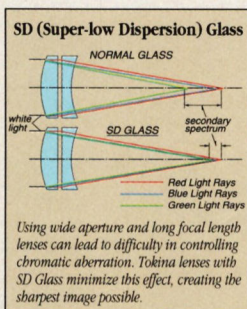
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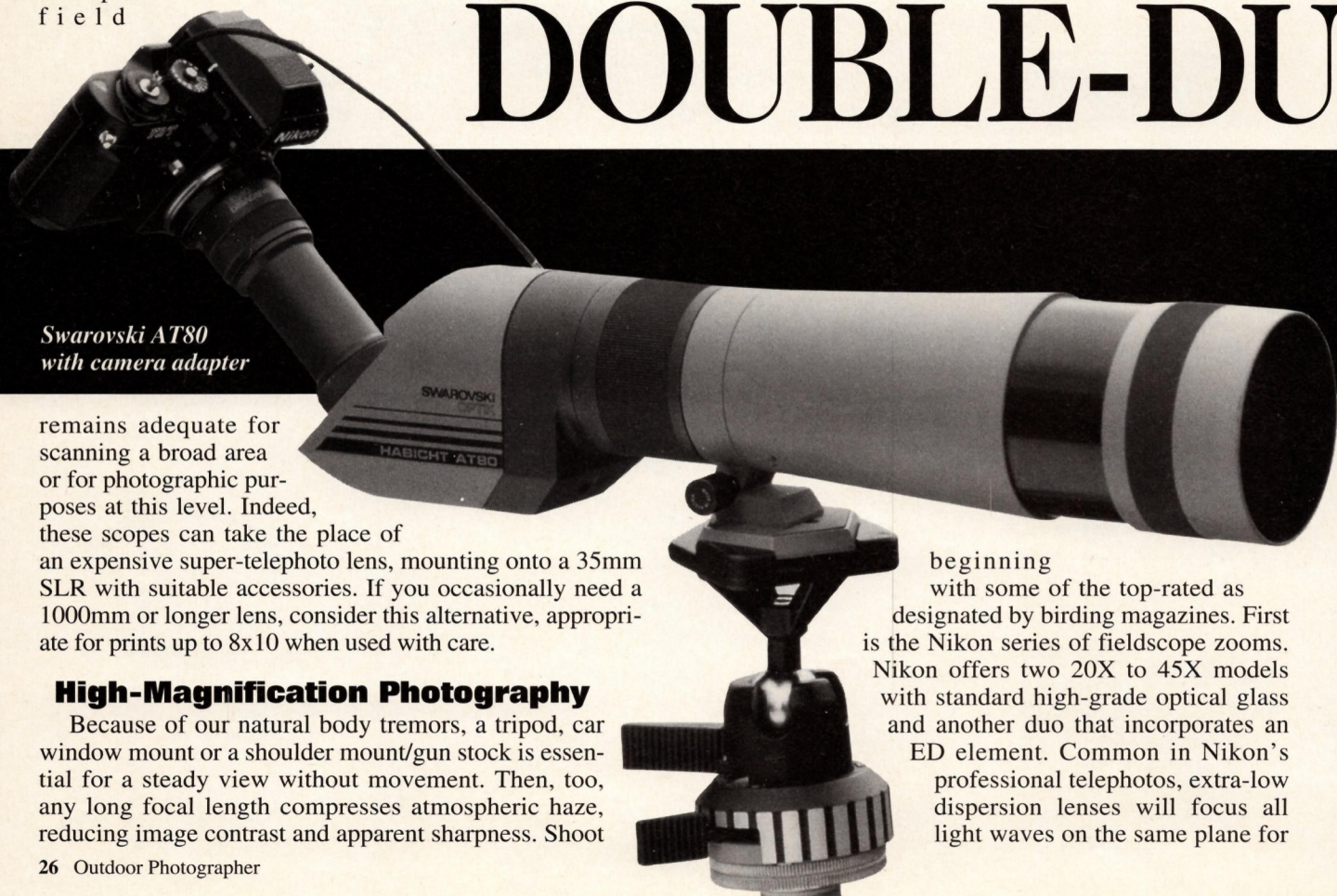
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Although binoculars offer a practical means for increasing magnification, their 5X to 10X power isn't always adequate. Wildlife observation, study of nesting birds or spotting distant game frequently calls for greater reach. Popular among hunters and birdwatchers, spotting scopes have yet to be discovered by most photo enthusiasts—and these devices can serve double duty in the hands of a photographer.

Designed for terrestrial observation, spotting scopes are far more compact than astronomical telescopes and are built to withstand field use. Magnification varies depending on the eyepiece purchased but generally starts at 15X, with some models offering a full 60X. A 20X or “20-power” scope magnifies an object 20 times, making it appear that much closer than your unaided vision allows. In 35mm photographic terms, we deem the 50mm lens “normal”—presenting a view similar to that seen by the naked eye. Hence, a 20X scope can be considered comparable to a 1000mm lens.

With a variable (zoom) eyepiece, a 20X to 60X range is possible, although the more modest magnification offers a brighter image and wider field of view. Whenever you double magnification, image brightness is reduced to one-quarter, becoming fairly dim beyond 25X. This is why spotting scopes with 15X to 25X eyepieces are most useful for finding and tracking elusive quarry.

Depth of
field



*Swarovski AT80
with camera adapter*

remains adequate for scanning a broad area or for photographic purposes at this level. Indeed, these scopes can take the place of an expensive super-telephoto lens, mounting onto a 35mm SLR with suitable accessories. If you occasionally need a 1000mm or longer lens, consider this alternative, appropriate for prints up to 8x10 when used with care.

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in early morning for the best results and for maximum image clarity.

Not every scope can be converted into a photographic lens, so check the manufacturers' brochures before making a purchase. You'll find that certain models will accept a 25X camera-adaptable eyepiece. This typically consists of a tube that screws into the housing of the scope and a T2-ring that bayonets onto the camera, whether manual or autofocus mount. Select the one designated for your particular brand and type, and bayonet the ring onto the camera. Then, add the adapter-equipped scope and you're ready to shoot.

Because the T2-mount doesn't incorporate all of the interface required for full automation, most electronic functions won't operate. Still, you can shoot in aperture-priority or metered manual mode, following the instructions that accompany the devices. These will vary from one camera to another, so take time for study to avoid frustration.



*Optolyth 65mm
TBG Scope*

Scopes As Lenses

Let's consider a few of the adaptable spotting scopes

DOUBLE-DU

beginning with some of the top-rated as designated by birding magazines. First is the Nikon series of fieldscope zooms. Nikon offers two 20X to 45X models with standard high-grade optical glass and another duo that incorporates an ED element. Common in Nikon's professional telephotos, extra-low dispersion lenses will focus all light waves on the same plane for

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**Optolyth 65mm
TBS Scope**

a high-resolution image with excellent color fidelity, resolution, clarity and contrast. With all three, a large 60mm primary or "objective" lens offers great light-gathering ability.

You'll need a #7770 photo attachment to convert any of these fieldscopes into an 800mm $f/13.3$ lens, for Nikon cameras only. Not merely a connector tube, this optical unit (comprised of four elements in four groups) will maintain photo-quality results.

For a scope that's virtually impervious to shock and the elements, try the Swarovski AT80 or ST80 with exceptional mechanical and optical components. Its large, 80mm-diameter objective lens provides a brilliant image and impressive sharpness thanks to computer-aided optical design. Preserve the memory of wildlife encounters on film using the camera adapter and a T2-ring.

This observation scope then becomes a quick-focusing, 1100mm $f/14$ extreme telephoto with built-in lens hood to assure optimum image contrast.

Bausch & Lomb, a name synonymous with optical quality, recommends its Elite scope with a 77mm objec-



Celestron Classic C-8

the fine quality of the wide, 80mm objective lens.

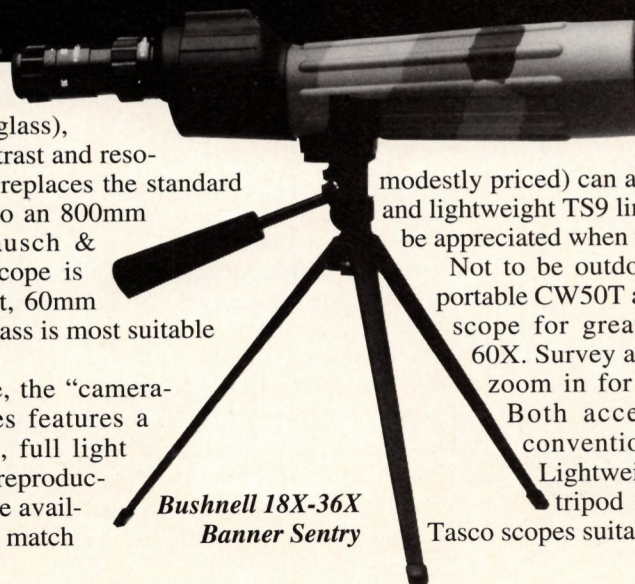
Moving to the Kowa models, we find one-finger focusing operation to minimize barrel movement. The TSN series with large, 77mm objective lenses provide bright, sharp images even on cloudy days. In the Prominar model, the optical system includes a fluorite element—this controls chromatic aberration for outstanding performance. Add one of the two photo adapters for 800mm or 1200mm

TY TELEPHOTOS

Ultra-long lenses are a major investment. By adapting a high-quality spotting telescope, you can get good results for less and carry only one lens for locating and photographing wildlife.

tive lens for photography. With ED Prime (extra-low dispersion glass), you'll notice improved color, contrast and resolution. A high-resolution adapter replaces the standard eyepiece, converting the Elite into an 800mm $f/11$ super-telephoto lens. Bausch & Lomb's Bushnell Spacemaster scope is also convertible, and the compact, 60mm objective model with ED Prime glass is most suitable for photo applications.

In an Optolyth spotting scope, the "camera-adaptable" premium HDF series features a fluorite lens for high sharpness, full light transmission and accurate color reproduction. Interchangeable eyepieces are available in various magnifications that match



**Bushnell 18X-36X
Banner Sentry**

BY PETER BURIAN

reach for high-magnification photography. The TS series spotting scopes (more modestly priced) can also be adapted. The compact and lightweight TS9 line with 50mm objectives will be appreciated when trekking long distances.

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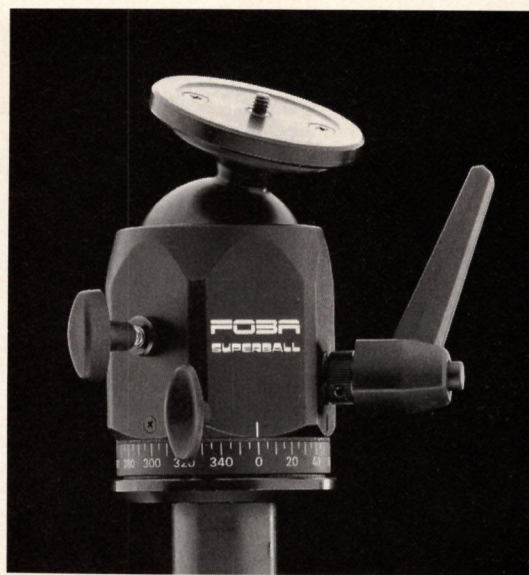
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Naturally, you'll find other brands and models such as those from Zeiss, Orion and Celestron, or the Redfield Regal spotting scope. Unlikely to replace the 600mm and 800mm super-telephotos with matched 1.4X teleconverter for professional pursuits, spotting scopes deserve consideration by the amateur photographer. With a tripod and ISO 400 film, satisfying results are possible without a second mortgage on your home. Choose a model based on your budget, demands for optical quality and portability or ruggedness. The more expensive models will withstand the rigors of the most extensive field use, while some are fully waterproof and useful in extreme conditions.

Shoot For The Moon

Ever since the visit of Halley's Comet in 1985 and '86, star gazing has become a more popular hobby. The galaxies, planets, stars and other celestial bodies present an irresistible photo opportunity. All it takes is an astronomical telescope suitably equipped with camera adapter to begin. Capable of higher image quality than a telephoto lens with multiple doublers, some of this equipment can also be acquired for a smaller investment. With most telescopes, magnification can be varied by exchanging the eyepiece. As power increases, however, image brightness and sharpness decrease rapidly. Hence, stick with 80X or lower for photography unless you have access to one of the massive telescopes such as the Observatory or Superior series from Parks Optical. Those with large-diameter objective or aperture offer a brighter view, useful far beyond 80X. Price becomes a prohibitive factor for all but the most dedicated astronomer. An optical system of even 2032mm, like the Celestron Classic C-8, will produce frame-filling images of the moon for dramatic impact.

Photo adapters and T-mount rings are readily available from the manufacturer or accessory catalogs such as Orion's, which list "universal"



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devices, often for less than \$50. Suitable for nearly all 35mm SLRs, these make astrophotography possible for anyone who already owns a high-quality telescope.

Most of the Celestron models, for example, accept the standard SC camera adapters. Some Swift products call for their own #859PA accessory—a photo adapter plus appropriate T-mount. Use it on the Swift #854 Catadioptric (with mirrors folding the light path for a compact barrel) for magnification of 133X, 67X or 32X on demand.

The Bausch & Lomb 800mm mirror lens is a dual-purpose product: a powerful 25X and 42X viewing telescope and a compact super-telephoto lens when mounted on a camera. Multi-coated optics offer satisfactory image quality, while close-focus ability of nine feet makes this a versatile lens for a variety of pursuits. If you prefer a conventional telescope, consider the 15X to 60X Discoverer with tripod-mounting base. This model adapts readily to most 35mm cameras.

Eyepieces that allow other photographic lenses to be used as a telescope are also available from some companies. Although Nikon's excellent eyepiece attachment is no longer manufactured, many are still available in good condition through used camera dealers. Leica currently produces the Telescope-Ocular Leica to-R attachment that converts any Leica

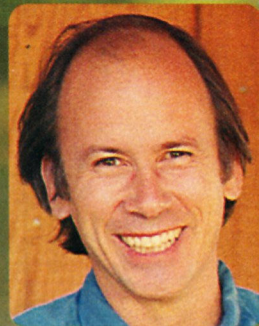
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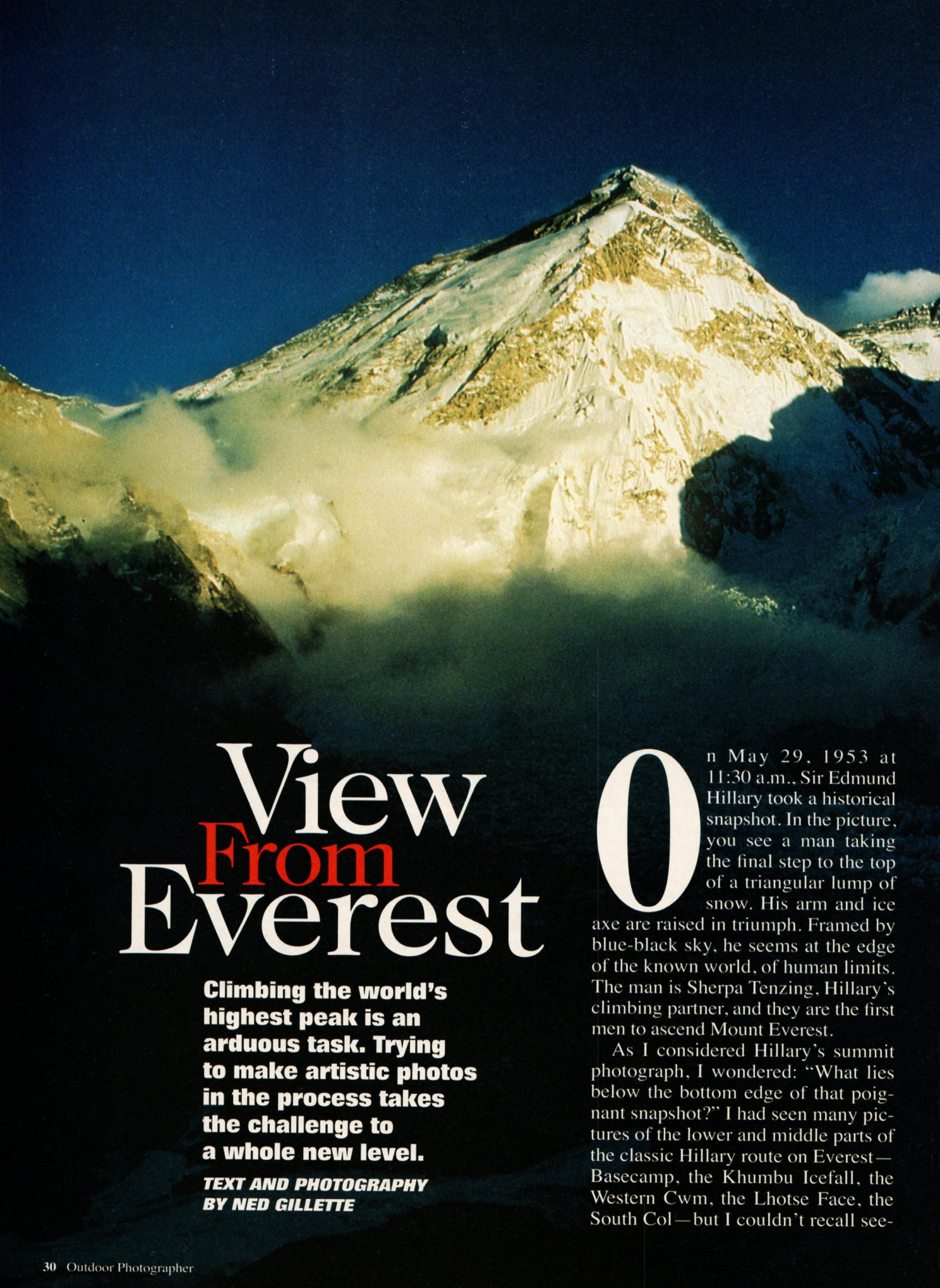
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View From Everest

Climbing the world's highest peak is an arduous task. Trying to make artistic photos in the process takes the challenge to a whole new level.

**TEXT AND PHOTOGRAPHY
BY NED GILLETTE**

On May 29, 1953 at 11:30 a.m., Sir Edmund Hillary took a historical snapshot. In the picture, you see a man taking the final step to the top of a triangular lump of snow. His arm and ice axe are raised in triumph. Framed by blue-black sky, he seems at the edge of the known world, of human limits. The man is Sherpa Tenzing, Hillary's climbing partner, and they are the first men to ascend Mount Everest.

As I considered Hillary's summit photograph, I wondered: "What lies below the bottom edge of that poignant snapshot?" I had seen many pictures of the lower and middle parts of the classic Hillary route on Everest—Basecamp, the Khumbu Icefall, the Western Cwm, the Lhotse Face, the South Col—but I couldn't recall see-



ing much that portrayed the landscape of the summit pyramid. Why not? It occurred to me that we think of getting to the top of Everest in purely human terms—all sweat and agony, danger and conquest. There must be more. It must be beautiful up there at the edge of space.

A lot has changed since Hillary and Tenzing's climb in 1953. Today, more

EVERYTHING SEEMED PURE AND UNTOUCHED. Gillette found this scene (spread photo) enchanting: "It was magnificent to be up so high."

Nikon FM2, Nikkor 28-50mm at 28mm, Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{250}$ sec. at $f/11$

ON THE SUMMIT, everyone passes around the camera to make the hero shots (above inset, left). The feeling is wildly, then smoothly, elated.

Nikon FM2, Nikkor 28-50mm at 28mm, Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{250}$ sec. at $f/11$

ON THE SOUTHEAST RIDGE and racing to get to the top before the afternoon storms set in (above inset, right). The light is so intense that goggles can be removed only briefly to make photos.

Nikon FM2, Nikkor 28-50mm at 28mm, Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{250}$ sec. at $f/11$





Clockwise from facing page, top:

AFTER CLIMBING IN THE DARK for four hours, the team saw these deep lavender hues at 5:30 a.m. while looking southwest over the Nuptse Wall into the Khumbu Valley.

Nikon FM2, Nikkor 28-50mm at 28mm, Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{250}$ sec. at f/4

ATOP THE HILLARY STEP, the group catches its breath. After huffing and puffing up the Step, Gillette was unsteady and found it a dicey proposition to balance at the edge of the precipice and think about photography simultaneously.

Nikon FM2, Nikkor 28-50mm at 28mm, Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{250}$ sec. at f/16

MONTHS BEFORE THE MOMENT, this shot of the long ridge ending at the South Summit was planned. Gillette had to sprint to catch the leaders in order to capture the image.

Nikon FM2, Nikkor 28-50mm at 35mm, Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{250}$ sec. at f/11

FINISHED, FROSTED AND DONE IN, team member Cham is photographed at Camp IV with the last frame of the last roll of film.

Nikon FM2, Nikkor 28-50mm at 50mm, Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{250}$ sec. at f/5.6

than 400 people have reached the summit of Everest. I was betting that the high terrain of unspoiled rock and snow must be the same as during the first ascent, and so, too, the magnificent vistas. Could I make it to the top? Then, while struggling upward in a nearly oxygenless environment, could I keep my wits about me and photograph it with a measure of artistry? I decided to find out.

In the spring of 1992, I joined an expedition organized and led by two New Zealanders. Once in Nepal, I decided to abandon my usual storytelling approach to expedition photography. Everest has been done and redone; we all know the story. Instead, I focused on the landscape, specifically that above 27,500 feet, and the people performing in that high landscape.

In human terms, my plan for a successful climb and shoot depended on more than just myself. Our climbing team must be strong and in position to take advantage of any window of opportunity—that one lucky day to go to the top. This would occur when the approaching monsoon lifted jet stream winds off the summit pyramid and opened Everest.

We established our basecamp in late March, then spent six weeks ranging up and down the lower slopes, methodically acclimatizing and moving equipment upward with the help of a team of Sherpas, Tibetans who are famous as mountain climbers. Although I was focusing on the last 1500 feet of Everest, I had some curious photographic encounters along the way.

One extremely cold day, we made a test run up to 24,000 feet. Someone's crampon (gloved ice ax) came off while we were climbing a steep slope, and as he tried to wrestle it back on, I saw a picture that spoke of the unexpected as one of the risks in mountaineering. I was dog-tired, however, and knew that if I took off my mitts, I might get frostbite. Then, almost automatically, I was bare-handed and hauling out my camera, focusing as fast as I could. It was freezing. My subject looked up and growled: "If you take that picture, I'll kill you."

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lenses to use while climbing:

"In my experience," I explained, "relatively wide-angle lenses usually work best. You're often in precarious positions where you can't move back from your subject."

"No," she said instantly. "My zoom telephoto is best. I get the whole panorama."

"Telephotos usually aren't known for bringing home the panoramas," I suggested. "There again, a normal to wide-angle lens works pretty well."

"No. No. Telephoto is best."

By late April, we had established Camp IV on the South Col at 26,250 feet, the edge of the so-called "death zone." Everything was set to go for the top, except the weather, so we retreated and waited. Two impatient and ill-equipped Indian climbers tried to go high, and the mountain killed them.

Finally, conditions seemed right, and we climbed back up to the South Col. The weather deteriorated as a half-blizzard raged. Night fell, and we dozed in cramped frostiness. "The stars are out," someone said suddenly, startling us. It was 11 p.m. Using headlamps, we wrestled into readiness. Nobody spoke—it seemed that words might hex the weather. I've always dreaded these midnight launches, but here on Everest I was psyched.

At 1 a.m., we crawled out of our tents—nine westerners and five Sherpas. It was May 12, pitch-black and cold. We clipped on our crampons.

I hung a single Nikon FM2 fitted with a compact Nikkor 28-50mm *f*/3.5 zoom lens around my neck, then tucked it inside my climbing suit. One camera, one lens—a simple system to use when I got simple-minded, even stupid, while climbing at extreme altitude. The wide-to-normal zoom would allow me to cover the panoramas I hoped to get on the upper mountain and to compose different perspectives without changing lenses. The camera, powered by a new battery, was loaded with Kodachrome 64—again, foolproof. After the sun was up, I knew that leaving the speed and aperture set on $\frac{1}{250}$ sec. at *f*/11 would make the correct exposure. I tucked three additional rolls of film in my pocket.

We hefted our summit packs. Each held two 6½-pound titanium oxygen

bottles. Breathing supplementary "O's" gave us extra strength, aided clear-thinking and helped keep our hands and feet warm. We started up. My world was reduced to placing footsteps in a circle of headlamp illumination. The summit, cloaked in darkness, was a mile away—3000 feet above. Up we went like a mobile string of Christmas lights. Climbing in the dark was spooky.

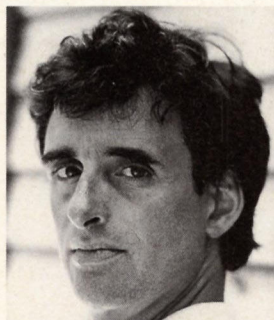
Footsteps moved the clock. It was head-down work. Finally, hours after starting, I detected a slice of brightness on the eastern horizon. Light! I perked up and visualized the first photograph and forgot my fatigue.

The dawn, like a curtain going up on the greatest show on earth, now revealed the high Everest landscape in stunning beauty. The sky metamorphosed from black to ink-blue to blue-purple. For the first time, I stopped and looked down. The rest of the Himalaya was already below us. It was incredible to be so high and not even at the top.

I took off my mitts, unzipped the front of my climbing suit and fished out the FM2. Almost instantly, the windchill turned the camera into a block of freezing metal that burned my fingers. This cold was desperate. I took my first picture of the summit day.

Every photograph that followed, all taken while I was cold, fatigued or partially befuddled by high altitude, demanded automatic skills that I'd learned during past expeditions, as well as a hefty measure of good luck. I discovered once again that picture-taking lifted my spirits and cleared my head.

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Ned Gillette is an adventurer who specializes in difficult expeditions and the photography to document them. Currently, he is following the Silk Road on an 18-month trip with his wife Suzi (Patterson, former U.S. Ski Team downhill) and a caravan of camels.

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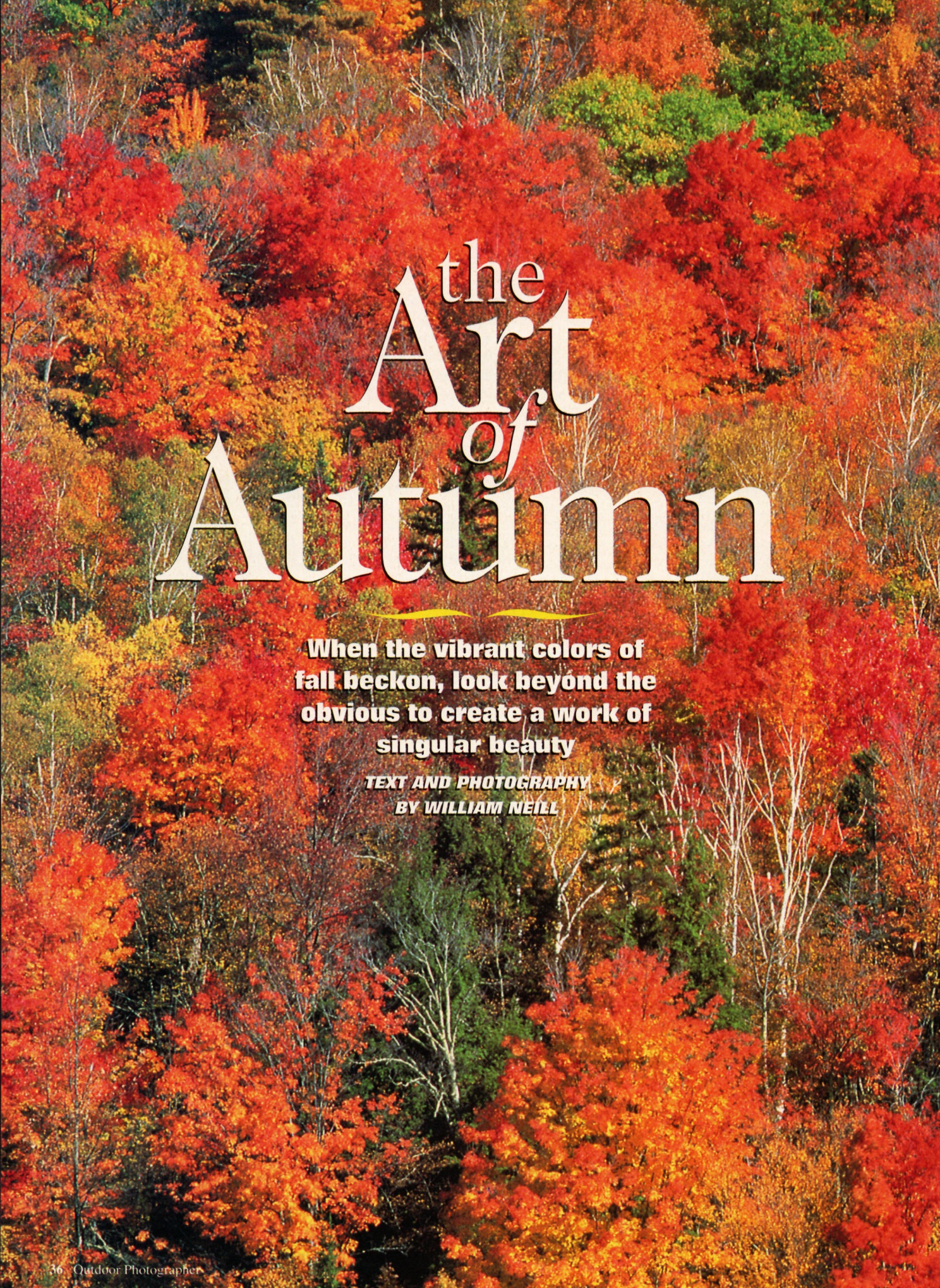
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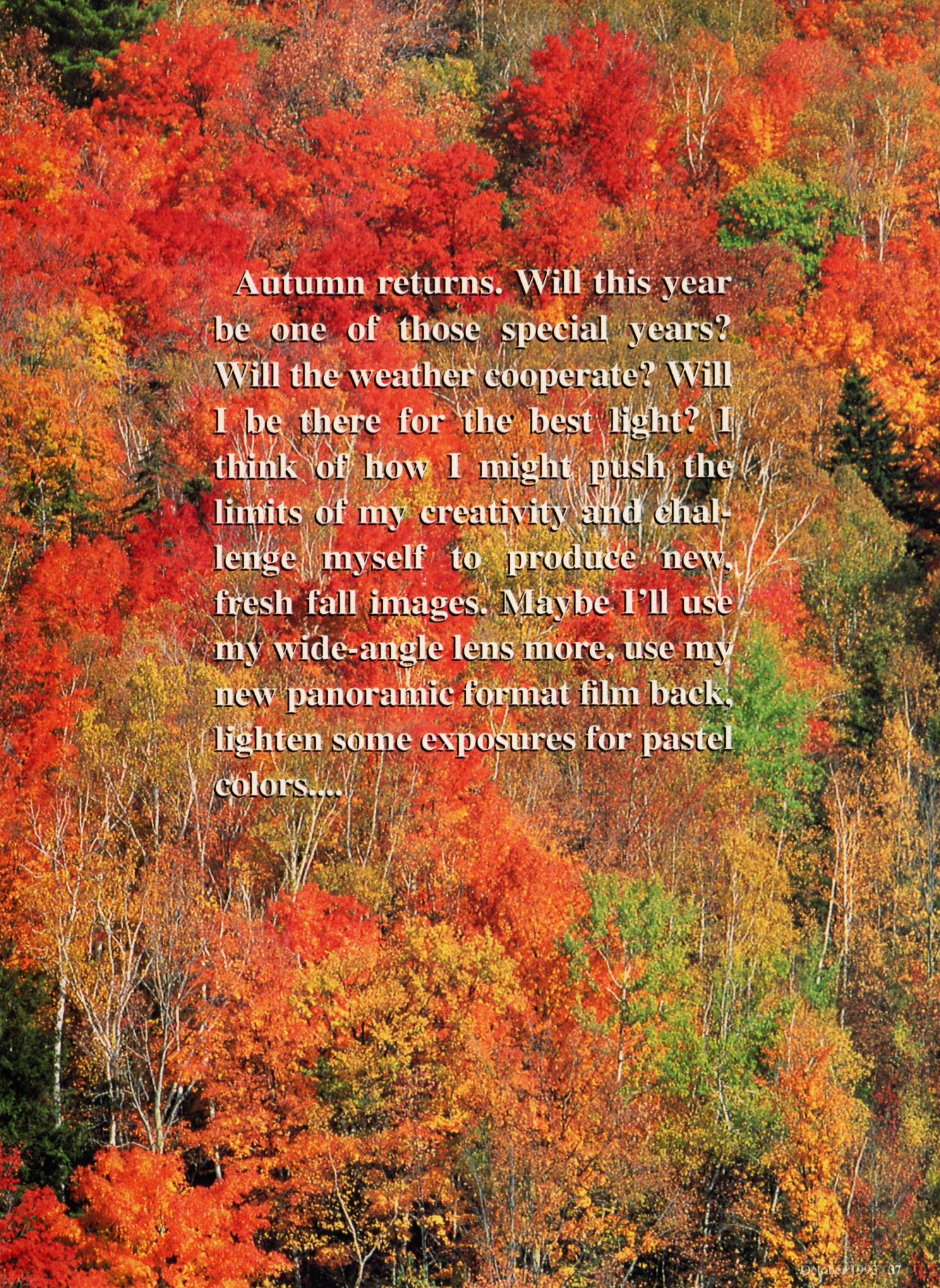
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the Art of Autumn

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**TEXT AND PHOTOGRAPHY
BY WILLIAM NEILL**



Autumn returns. Will this year be one of those special years? Will the weather cooperate? Will I be there for the best light? I think of how I might push the limits of my creativity and challenge myself to produce new, fresh fall images. Maybe I'll use my wide-angle lens more, use my new panoramic format film back, lighten some exposures for pastel colors....



AUTUMN HILLSIDE,
*Green Mountain National Forest,
Vermont (opening spread). Neill
used his 2¼ roll-film back and a
telephoto view camera lens to isolate
this section of trees. The
combination gave him the equivalent
of a 200mm lens on a 35mm camera.*

*A polarizing filter was used to
intensify the colors, and the mixture
of colors accentuated the pattern of
the trees.*

Wista 45D view camera, 360mm Nikkor-T
with Calumet C2N roll-film back,
Fujichrome Velvia 120, polarizing filter



FALLEN MAPLE LEAVES,
*Acadia National Park, Maine
(above, right). A strong storm had
pounded the Maine coast for several
days, knocking down much of the
best leaf color. During a break in the
downpour, Neill photographed these
brilliant red leaves, including the
base of the tree, to create an
“intimate landscape.”*

Wista 45D view camera, 150mm
Schneider APO-Symmar, Polaroid
ProChrome 100D

AUTUMN LEAVES,
*Fern Springs, Yosemite National
Park, California (below, right). A
windblown fall rain had just passed
through Yosemite, covering the
ground with autumn color. A
polarizer helped to saturate the color
and eliminate reflections on
the water.*

Wista 45D view camera, 210mm
Rodenstock Sironar, Ektachrome 64



YELLOW MAPLES,
*Green Mountain National Forest,
Vermont (left). This stand of yellow
maples was found down an old dirt
road. Mist softened the light, but it
was bright enough to backlight the
leaves. Neill exposed the film a bit
lighter than normal to give the effect
of the light “glowing” through the
forest, and the yellow of the leaves
became soft and pastel.*

Wista 45D view camera, 150mm
Schneider APO-Symmar, Polaroid
ProChrome 100D



ART OF AUTUMN

The art of autumn photography is a lesson in the principles of composition, the use of light, sensitivity to the ways of nature and the creative process. There are many things to consider before making an image. First, and most importantly, I ask myself, "What moves me here?" With a great deal of practice, one learns to react seamlessly and intuitively to an inspiring subject. As you begin to learn your craft and gain more experience, you may wish to consider the question more consciously. Photograph what moves you deeply—passion is at the heart of art!

Color is often what first catches my eye in autumn. I look to see how the greens balance with the reds or the oranges with the yellows. Some colors complement each other, such as the warm tones of red leaves on wet, brown mud, while some colors help bring out other colors more strongly, such as the contrast of red leaves on green grass. I also look for monochromatic color situations in which subtlety prevails. In any case, you should balance the colors within the frame as you would lines or forms.

Good color, however, is worthless without good composition. I look for lines, shapes or forms that have strong interest graphically and that can be combined effectively with fall colors in my frame. Excellent design is essential. I pay close attention to the exact position of the camera when the image is made—where to stand or set up the tripod and the height of the camera. A change of a few inches to the left or right, up or down, can make a huge difference in a composition. Watch how objects in the view-

finder separate out or run together as you change positions. A strong composition is rarely made without a good deal of moving and fine-tuning of the camera position. If the composition isn't working out, I keep searching for the place where the design and color elements work together. As often as not, I decide not to make an exposure. Walking away from a situation that doesn't work is an important discipline.

Although I use no set rules of composition, there are some design elements that I'm aware of when making a photograph. I watch the edges of my frame so that important lines of branches and trunks aren't cramped or run off the edges. I try to be aware of the entire frame area, not just the subject within the frame. The diagonal lines of branches can help create a flow in the composition, while objects that are centered in the frame tend to be static. Take the time to try different placements to see how all parts of the image fit together. A tree placed off-center, even out to the edge, can give you a more dynamic photo. As the photographer, you need to trust your own judgment in sensing the balance of the image. Remember, sometimes the best images break all the rules.

I look for background and foreground objects that might be distracting or out of focus. I may find an interesting group of autumn leaves on a branch, but if the background is cluttered, my subject won't come across clearly on film. I look for simple backgrounds such as the green of conifer trees. Use of shallow depth of field can help to simplify the photograph by putting the background out of focus. I normally use maximum depth of field, but I don't often make images that have distinctly separate subject and background. The background—the spaces between, in front of or behind the subject—are all part of the image, and I'm careful to make sure all elements work together.

The photographs reproduced here were made with normal focal length lenses or longer. I use my 150mm and 210mm view camera lenses for the bulk of my forest floor details as well as for broader scenes. These lenses are roughly equivalent to 45mm and 65mm on a 35mm format.

I use my 360mm telephoto (105mm on a 35mm format) quite often to select out details and compress the design elements of a distant subject such as a colorful hillside across a field. I've also used the telephoto in the woods to emphasize a dense pattern of trunks or to frame a few leaves or branches.

I don't use my wide-angle lenses very often since I usually try to isolate details and patterns. Wide-angle lenses do work well in tight situations, however, especially in the forest where depth of field and clutter is a concern. The wide-angle lens will spread out the density of trees and the greater depth of field allows you to make sharper images with shorter exposures. Movement is less amplified in the case of wide-angle lenses.

A great photograph also needs great light. The light that I prefer for autumn images is what I call soft light—the even, shadowless light found on overcast, rainy or foggy days or in shaded areas on sunny days. The even lighting lessens the contrast problems that arise when the subject is directly lit by sunlight. Forest scenes are especially difficult to render well in direct light. Soft light allows the detail and color of a scene to come through. Autumn rains that soak the forest also amplify the colors, and foggy conditions add a sense of mystery and muted color.

On sunny days, I also enjoy working with backlit or sidelit subjects that can give a wonderful luminosity to leaves and trees. The edges of shadows are great places to photograph on sunny days. Look for trees or branches with deep shadows behind them. The contrast in light can be used to isolate the color and the pattern of branches and leaves against a dark background.

There are no fixed rules about what constitutes good light—I've made fine fall images in the middle of a sunny day. I don't close my eyes when my "preferred light" isn't prevailing. On the other hand, it benefits the photographer to be very selective about light. That magic light, and the persistence and perceptiveness to seek it out, is often what separates the professional from the amateur.

Many of the images reproduced

AUTUMN FOLIAGE, Green
Mountain National Forest, Vermont (left). Neill was set up on the edge of a pond, making images of a colorful hillside reflecting in the water. The fog lifted as the sun rose. As he scrambled for more film, he noticed this group of trees. They were in full shade and wet from the night's mist, and the resulting low contrast made figuring the exposure very simple.

Wista 45D view camera, 150mm Schneider APO-Symmar, Polaroid ProChrome 100D



MAPLE TREES IN FOG,
Acadia National Park, Maine
 (above). Early-morning fog settled in a small grove of maple trees next to a marsh, and a light but troublesome breeze required opening the aperture for a faster shutter speed. Neill focused on the important branches and trunks in the composition and let the background go out of focus.

Wista 45D view camera, 360mm Nikkor-T,
 Polaroid ProChrome 100D

RED MAPLE LEAVES
AND MUD PATTERNS,
Zion National Park, Utah (right). The runoff from a thunderstorm formed great ripple patterns. Red maple leaves provided a colorful accent, and the soft light added clarity of detail and color saturation.

Wista 45D view camera, 210mm
 Rodenstock Sironar, Polaroid ProChrome
 100D



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FIELD CHECKLIST FOR FALL COLORS

✓ **Best Films:** Use the slowest films possible to capture the brilliant color and detail of autumn since they have the best color saturation and the finest grain. Some films capture reds and yellows better than others. Recommended slide films include Kodak Lumiere 100X, Kodak Ektachrome Elite 100, Fujichrome Velvia, Fujichrome 50D, Fujichrome 100D and Agfachrome RS 50 Plus. For color negative films, try Fuji Reala, Fujicolor 100, Kodacolor Gold 100, Kodak Ektar 25 or Agfacolor Ultra.

✓ **Cloudy Days:** Clouds can be your friend, and by reducing contrast and glare, they allow films to faithfully capture the rich variety of autumn colors. It's best to shoot on days when a thin white veil of clouds hides the sun. As long as the overcast remains generally white, it allows soft light to reach the ground. On these cloudy days, keep the sky out of frame to avoid the washed-out look that comes with overcast skies.

✓ **Shadow Blues:** A good deal of the detail of fall is shot in the shade of the forest canopy or individual trees. At these times, indirect sunlight—light coming from the blue sky rather than directly from the sun—is the light source illuminating subjects on or near the ground (lower branches, undergrowth, fallen leaves). This indirect light contains a great deal of blue light. While your eyes naturally compensate for the color bias, film will pick it up. Reds and yellows will appear on film as cooler or with less brilliance. The green of foliage will be darker, more like blue-spruce than grass-green. To correct for this, use warming filters from the 81 series. An 81A can be left on your lens almost like a skylight filter during autumn leaf season, and when the shadows become more ominous, an 81B or 81C will bring the colors back to life. The Tiffen "Enhancer" is another good filter for fall colors, especially when the leaves are in the red end of the spectrum.

✓ **Stop Down:** Use the smallest aperture possible (largest *f* number) for the greatest depth of field. The beauty of many fall scenes can be attributed to the expansiveness of color in the woods, a quality that's best recorded by exposure settings that maximize depth of field. If you're accustomed to keeping your camera set on "program," you'll want to select "aperture-priority" and the smallest aperture on your lens. Some automatic cameras have special program or creative card modes that emphasize depth of field. Be sure to use a tripod since the slow shutter speeds dictated by these small apertures will necessitate a steady base for your camera.

✓ **Get Close:** Wide-angle lenses in the 20mm to 35mm range work very well for close-up subjects. They focus closer and provide more depth of field than longer lenses, allowing you to get close to your subjects while retaining good

sharpness in the background. This provides a nice change of pace from telephoto and macro lenses that tend to create images with out-of-focus backgrounds and little depth of field.

✓ **Reciprocity Failure:** When using small apertures and slow films (especially in deep shade), shutter speeds often reach a full second or longer. With exposures this long, a film's response to color can change appreciably. This can require longer exposure than dictated by your meter and color-correcting filtration to render colors accurately. As an example, Kodak's Ektachrome Elite 100 requires no correction between ½ sec. and ¼₀₀₀ sec.

Between ¼₀₀₀ sec. and ¼₀,₀₀₀ sec., Kodak recommends use of a CC05Y (yellow) filter to correct a minor blue shift.

Exposures from ½ sec. to 10 seconds require a half-stop exposure increase and a CC05B (blue) filter. On the other hand, Ektachrome Lumiere 100 requires no correction between ½ sec. and ¼₀,₀₀₀ sec., but uses the same filter and exposure change as Elite between one and 10 seconds (a CC05B filter and a ½-stop increase). Consult the film data

sheet for manufacturer's recommended exposure and color correction factors for your specific film. Anytime you're shooting in situations involving exposures beyond one second, bracket with a bias toward overexposure.

✓ **Saturated Color:** The fog and rain that come in the fall are not a hindrance to good photography—the opposite is often true. After rain or damp fog have moistened autumn leaves, there's a great opportunity for rendering spectacular colors, especially if the clearing storm or dissipating fog has left a residual overcast to diffuse the sun. If nature hasn't cooperated, carry a spray bottle filled with water to dampen a few leaves, especially those in the foreground of your composition. Check for reflections by rotating a polarizing filter, then use the filter on your camera to remove the reflections. The polarized images will generally show better color saturation.

✓ **Getting Color Prints Made:** The reddish hues of autumn can trigger an automatic correction in the machines used to make color prints from negatives. Labs call this reaction "subject failure." The reds and magentas in the leaves make the machine believe your film is old or fogged, and the machine compensates by adding cyan (blue-green), which results in leaves that are drab and bluish-gray. Some labs (Dale Color Labs, for example) spend a great deal of time adjusting the programs on their processing equipment to avoid this. To determine whether subject failure has killed the color in your photos, check a neutral color in the scene, such as tree bark, for signs of a blue or green tint. If the tint is there, ask the lab to remake the prints with a neutral balance.

Get the most from your fall shooting with these tips on equipment, film and technique gathered from our staff and contributors

STAFF REPORT

GEAR TIPS: GETTING CLOSE TO FALL SUBJECTS

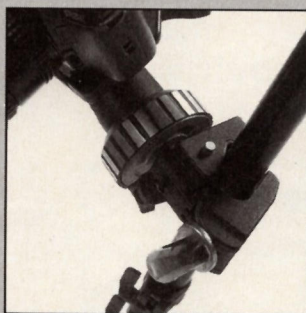


- Extension arms on your tripod make it easier to get your camera close to inconveniently situated subjects. Many manufacturers offer extension arms like the Bogen unit shown. Because the extension arm shifts the tripod's center of gravity off-center, use a sand bag, your

camera bag or some other weight to prevent tipping.

- The Bogen universal clamp can be used to attach your camera to the leg of your tripod for a close-to-the-ground perch. The clamp can also be affixed to other supports like handrails, tree branches and sign posts. Be careful not to damage property or injure the tree when attaching the clamp.

- Focusing rails allow fine-tuning for composition with close-up subjects without having to move the entire tripod. Nikon's focusing rail works well, as do the units from Really Right Stuff and Mike Kirk Enterprises. Really Right Stuff and Kirk make



supports that provide additional, precise camera movement for macro shooting.

- Close-up filters offer an easy and inexpensive tool for increasing the close-up capability of your favorite lens. They can also enhance the rather limited macro-focusing capabilities of many popular zoom lenses. No exposure



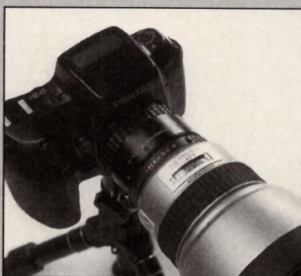
compensation is needed with the filters, so depth of field can be kept at more optimum levels in low-light situations. The best close-up filters are made with two lens elements; these include the Nikon 3T, 4T, 5T and 6T models and the Canon 500T. These filters can be adapted

to most lenses with the use of stepping rings.

- The Slik Mini Pro tripod is sturdy but lightweight. It's ideal for the outdoor occasions when you need a tripod, but don't want to carry a full-sized unit into the field. The Mini Pro can be used at ground level, placed on other solid support or can be pressed firmly against a vertical surface such as a tree or wall. By pressing firmly and steadily and using a cable release or self-timer to trip the shutter, exposures of several seconds can be made with excellent sharpness.



- Teleconverters are useful for macro shots since they increase magnification, but keep minimum focusing distance the same. For example, a 100mm lens that has a minimum-focusing distance of three feet becomes a 200mm lens when used with a 2X teleconverter, but maintains its three-foot minimum focusing distance. This effectively doubles the magnification of the lens but at a cost of two *f*-stops of exposure.



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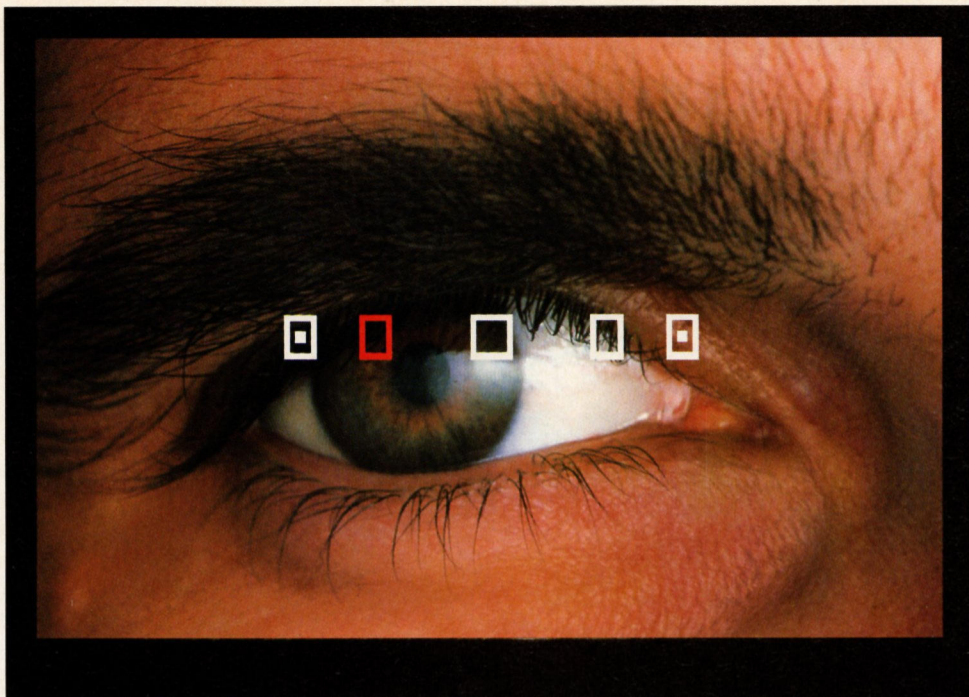
here were made with Polaroid 4x5 film. The film is rated at 100 ISO and is essentially Fujichrome 100. Although I'll usually try to use a 50 ISO film, the 100 speed often comes in handy on breezy days in the fall. With my 4x5 camera, I'm forced to use very slow shutter speeds. Using 100 ISO film is a small price to pay for sharp leaves and branches. Given still conditions, I use Velvia rated at EI 40. I look forward to seeing the

new Kodak Lumiere films in 4x5 Ready Load packets.

Windy days can be a major obstacle in the fall. I've waited for an hour or more for leaves on a tree to stop blowing if I feel that the image is worth it. Watch carefully for motion. You may have to take many frames of one composition to get one sharp image on a windy day. The closer the subject, the more motion will show, so pay close attention to your choice of shutter

speed. If you want maximum depth of field and you're using *f*/16 or *f*/22 with a tripod-mounted camera, exposure times on an overcast day can be several seconds. When I use my view camera, my average exposure time is 15 to 30 seconds, so conditions need to be reasonably still. If there is movement during exposure, I take another. With good timing and persistence, I can make my exposure during calm periods.

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FALL In The WEST

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In the Rockies, each of the four seasons is unique and beautiful in its own way. But if I had to choose my favorite, it would be autumn. Short but spectacular, with cold nights and warm, liquid gold days, it feels as if you have entered a magic zone, and the source of that magic is the aspens. Aspen forests play the same role in the Rockies that maples do in New England, transforming the landscape, setting it on fire, making familiar places strange, new and surreal. Every year, I discover and shoot new autumn fantasies, and every year, favorite stands of aspen turn color on a slightly different timetable with different effects. In the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado, the last two weeks of September and the first week of October are typically the peak period for spectacular color displays.

***LONE ASPEN** among dense evergreens (this page). Aspen trees often colonize burnt areas after a forest fire and then are gradually replaced over decades by shade-loving evergreens like these spruce and fir. This lone survivor of an earlier aspen forest is backlit and glows like a torch among its dark neighbors. Aspen leaves are marvelously translucent when back- or sidelit. Their vivid gold can turn dull and lifeless when frontlit.*

Nikon F3 on a tripod, Nikkor 300mm f/2.8 ED-IF, Fujichrome 50, 1/250 sec. at f/8

***Clockwise from top: POLYCHROME ASPEN STANDS** near Kebler Pass. These trees are part of the largest self-sustaining aspen ecosystem in Colorado. This forest is not only a botanical treasure, but the Kebler Pass area holds the most beautiful aspen forest in the Rockies.*

Nikon F4 on a tripod, Nikkor 35-70mm f/2.8 polarized, Fujichrome Velvia, 1/60 sec. at f/8

***GOLD MOUNTAIN, BLUE SKY.** A 1000-foot high mountainside of solid yellow aspens above Silverton, Colo., forms a pure diagonal against the dark high-altitude sky.*

Nikon F4 on a tripod, Nikkor 300mm f/2.8 polarized ED-IF, Fujichrome 50, 1/60 sec. at f/8

***AFTER THE RAIN.** In late autumn, usually after a few strong windstorms, the forest floor becomes a yellow carpet of fallen aspen leaves. The compositional possibilities seem endless, and it's intriguing the way a large drop of water on a leaf acts as a magnifying glass.*

Nikon F4 on a tripod, Nikkor 60mm micro, Fujichrome Velvia, 1/2 sec. at f/32

***WILSON PEAK** from Turkey Creek Mesa near Telluride, Colo. Often, early snowfalls will whiten 14,000-foot summits long before the first leaves fall. This stand of aspens is unusual for its reddish tones—most aspens color in the yellow to gold range. But if one tree turns red, its neighbors probably will, too, since aspens grow in "clone" families from a common network of roots.*

Nikon F4 on a tripod, Nikkor 80-200 mm f/2.8 polarized zoom, Fujichrome Velvia, 1/6 sec. at f/16





THE BEST BIRDING SPO

To photograph birds, you must first, of course, find them. A knowledge of bird behavior, essential to successful photography, will tell you that birds are preoccupied with feeding and reproducing. You'll find them in most abundance where there is ample food and nesting habitats.

Many species like puffins, gannets, snow geese, cranes and herons nest in noisy, active colonies, which are easy to locate. Today most such remaining colonies are found in national wildlife refuges or other protected sites. The government's standard practice is to prohibit photographers access to these prime breeding areas. The best approach is to personally petition the refuge manager for permission to photograph in the restricted areas. He or she will need assurance that your

**Capturing our
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rewarding if you know
where and when
to find them**

**TEXT AND PHOTOGRAPHY
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activity won't cause stress to the birds. You'll almost certainly need to use a blind and prove that your field tactics will be non-intrusive. A few samples of previous photographic work and proof of field experience will help your cause. Even then, your request may be denied or you may be directed to an area of the refuge that isn't as sensitive and has fewer birds.

Small refuges that are out of the public eye provide the best chances for special access. Photographing on Native American land is sometimes more attractive. Permission to photograph is usually easily obtained or unnecessary, and the habitat is often unspoiled, rarely visited and rich in birdlife. *Guide to the National Wildlife Refuges* by Laura and William Riley (MacMillan, 1992) is an invaluable resource for bird and wildlife photographers.

The difficulty in photographing solitary nesting species



TS IN NORTH AMERICA

DON'T GIVE UP. *This redhead drake (above) was impossible to capture on film one evening and practically posed the next morning.*

Canon T-90, Canon 500mm, Fujichrome Velvia, $\frac{1}{250}$ sec. at f/4.5

THIS RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD (above, right) was captured during a rare moment of standing still.

Canon T-90, Canon 500mm, Fujichrome Velvia, $\frac{1}{500}$ sec. at f/4.5

PERMANENT BLINDS are built on Machias Seal Island located on the Maine-New Brunswick border. Photographing this Atlantic puffin (right) was just a matter of getting in position and waiting.

Canon T-90, Canon 500mm, Fujichrome 50, $\frac{1}{500}$ sec. at f/4.5



BIRDING SPOTS

is normally not in gaining access to the nesting site, but in actually finding the nest. A formal study of bird behavior and a few field outings with a birding group, especially in the spring, are two good ways to sharpen your nest-finding skills. An excellent and entertaining introduction to bird behavior is *A Guide to Bird Behavior, Vol. I and II* by

Donald and Lilian Stokes (Little, Brown & Co., 1983) and another valuable reference is *A Field Guide to Nests, Eggs and Nestlings of North American Birds* by Colin Harrison (Collins, Toronto, 1984).

Although the nesting site is the surest place to find any given bird in the spring, during the rest of the year it's best



A VARIETY OF BIRDS
*can be photographed from
this sandbar (above) on
Flamingo Bay in the
Everglades. Fitzharris
carried a blind out to the
site in a rented canoe.*

Canon F1, Canon 500mm,
Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{500}$ sec. at
f/4.5

A WELL-PLACED STICK
*with a flower added gave
this Eastern bluebird
(right) a good place to land
on the way to the bird box.*

Canon T-90, Canon 500mm,
Fujichrome 50, $\frac{1}{250}$ sec. at f/4.5



to concentrate photography at the bird's food source. The richest feeding area for many bird species is a saltwater or freshwater marsh. Submerged vegetation provides food for birds and many of the animals that birds eat, like insect larvae, snails, fish and amphibians. More specific feeding spots will also be productive during the appropriate season: fruit trees and berry bushes (songbirds); flower patches (hummingbirds); fish spawning beds (bald eagles, ravens, herons); mud flats (shorebirds); shellfish beds (ducks at high tide, oystercatchers at low tide); carrion (vultures, eagles, crows); and hunting perches (kingfishers, flycatchers).

Many of the great spectacles of birds massed together occur during migration when they convene at an area that provides abundant food and safety from predators. The Platte River in Nebraska; Point Pelee in Ontario, Canada; and Klamath Basin in California are renowned examples.

Following are descriptions of some of North America's birding hot spots, places where photography can become fast and furious at times. Most of them require photographers to remain on established walkways, auto routes and viewing platforms. But here, birds are generally less wary of humans and in such abundance that exciting photography is possible. For the best light and the fewest people, work as early in the day as possible.



Southeastern Arizona

This is my favorite birding area in the United States. Here, the birds are strong-voiced, easily spotted and abundant. The desert areas are spread among various mountain ranges that produce a variety of habitats, which is matched by a diversity of birds. Many species are found only in the Southwest. Local desert specialties are the roadrunner, cactus wren, Harris hawk, white-winged dove, pyrrhuloxia, curve-billed thrasher, gila woodpecker and Gambel's quail. In the mountains (the Chiricahua range is best), you'll encounter new species of birds whenever you gain or lose elevation: brown towhees and acorn woodpeckers in the foothills, black-headed grosbeaks and western tanagers at mid-elevation and mountain chickadees and Steller's jays at the summit to cite a few.

Of special appeal are the many canyons scattered through southeastern Arizona. Due to localized conditions of moisture, elevation and sun exposure, each canyon has its own special blend of plants and birds. You'll want to visit Sabino, Madera and Ramsey Canyons.

Southeastern Arizona is the hummingbird capital of the United States, with more than a dozen species. There are hummer resorts where humans have set up feeders that attract hundreds of birds a day. Any time is good, but late summer rains bring out the wildflowers and bring in the hummingbirds.

The Everglades, Florida

Found at the southern tip of Florida, the Everglades is an extensive, flat, low-lying, sub-tropical region of diverse

***PTARMIGAN RELY ON CAMOUFLAGE** for self-defense. This bird (left) was photographed in the Yukon and stayed perfectly still as long as Fitzharris stayed a safe distance away.*

Canon F1, Canon 500mm, Fujichrome 50, 1/800 sec. at f/4.5

***PIED-BILLED GREBES** carry their young on their back and return frequently to the nest. This family of grebes in New Mexico (below) was easy to locate by staking out the nest and waiting.*

Canon T-90, Canon 500mm, Fujichrome Velvia, 1/800 sec. at f/4.5





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habitat, most of which lies within Everglades National Park (14 million acres). Birdlife is more abundant here than anywhere else on the continent. You might see ospreys, bald eagles and most of North America's herons and ibises in this habitat, as well as such Everglade specialties as the limpkin and Everglades kite.

Scattered through these marshes are humps of land called hammocks, covered with stunted trees of tropical origin—the gumbo-limbo, tamarind, papaya and strangler fig. These jungle-like confines are home to barred owls, red-shouldered hawks, white-crowned pigeons, various warblers and other passerine species.

Near the sea, the sawgrass gives way to mangrove swamps. These scrubby entanglements are nesting habitats for thousands of wading birds such as pelicans, cormorants and anhingas. Along the coast, in the shallow, pale blue waters of Florida Bay, you'll encounter American oystercatchers, roseate spoonbills, reddish egrets, black skimmers, great white herons and a diversity of gulls, terns and sandpipers.

Bonaventure Island, Quebec

A small, uninhabited island off the tip of Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula, Bonaventure is the site of the most accessible and spectacular seabird colonies in North America. During the summer, tens of thousands of northern gannets, along with smaller numbers of Atlantic puffins, razorbills, common murrelets, black-legged kittiwakes, black guillemots and various gull species form breeding colonies on the rocky seaward-facing cliffs.

The main trail across the island to the rookeries winds through balsam fir and spruce woods alive with breeding songbirds like Tennessee warblers, black-throated green warblers, magnolia warblers, hermit thrushes, fox sparrows, purple finches and pine siskins. Brush up on the songs of these birds before your hike and try sorting out these species. The gannets are packed nearly shoulder to shoulder along the upper cliffs, spilling over onto the grassy knoll on top.

Cape May, New Jersey

Over the years, this has been the hottest birding spot in North Amer-

ica. Shaped like a giant funnel, Cape May collects migrants moving south along the Atlantic flyway and concentrates them at the tip, where there are usually plenty of bird-watchers lying in wait. Here, birds are suddenly confronted with a great gap in the coastline—Delaware Bay, an 18-mile stretch of open water. They must fly across non-stop or retreat inland to a longer but safer route. Some continue without hesitation; others loaf about the shoreline, gathering energy or waiting for favorable winds. A strong northwest wind can blow the birds helplessly out to sea and consequently causes great numbers to pile up at the end of the Cape until the weather changes.

Churchill/Hudson Bay, Manitoba

The most easily accessible Arctic birding is found in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, a small, remote town on the shores of Hudson Bay. Many of the birds you may have seen migrating through your neighborhood back home, but these are their breeding grounds, and their behavior and appearance will be strikingly different. Of Churchill's varied habitats, the most renowned among naturalists is the tundra, a hot spot for observing nesting shorebirds. In mid-June, amidst an explosion of wildflowers, you can witness whimbrel, lesser golden plover, least sandpiper, red-necked phalarope, Hudsonian godwit and others in rich breeding plumage, full song and ritualized display.

Klamath Basin, California

Lying at the foot of the Cascade Mountains in southern Oregon and northern California, the Klamath Basin is world-renowned for its autumn concentrations of waterfowl—millions of ducks, geese and swans pass through in migration. Funneling southward from breeding grounds as remote as Siberia, undulating flocks can darken the skies in October. The visitor may see, in a single glance, as many as 250,000 snow geese rising en masse against the snowcapped eminence of Mount Shasta. In all, more than 275 species have been sighted here, including

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essence**

**BY MARTHA HILL
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ART WOLFE**

The first decision to make is what you want to photograph. The best place to start is with what appeals to you. When I used to review portfolios, I could always tell what subjects the photographers really enjoyed shooting. It was invariably their best work. If finding subject matter to photograph is easy, making it stand out is harder. Our first impulse, when something

catches our eye, is to point the camera, center the subject and shoot the picture. When the processed film comes back, all too often we are disappointed and ask ourselves, "Why did I take that picture?"

As a rule, simplicity is the clearest way to make a statement. The novelist and critic Henry James wrote, "In art, economy is always beauty." At *Audubon* magazine, we used to tell our writers and photographers in jest that we editors had the attention spans of five-year-olds. The message was: Be bold and up-front with the communication. If you couldn't grab our interest quickly, then how could we expect our readers to be interested? Visual and verbal com-

munication had to be direct.

In his book *Principles of Composition in Photography*, Andreas Feininger describes the process as "isolating" the subject. The camera is completely objective and will record everything in the viewfinder. A great many images are disappointing because too much is going on in them visually.

When Art is out in the field looking for subjects to shoot, his eyes are like scanning radar. But once he locates something of interest, the creative decisions take over. Where do I stand? How long a focal length lens do I want? How large do I want the subject to be in the frame? Where is the light coming from? What is in the background? What is in the foreground?

BY USING PROGRESSIVELY LONGER LENSES, the photographer can fine-tune the image and emphasize what is visually important. All three images are alder trees on the Elwha River in Olympic National Park, Washington state.

Clockwise from above: Nikon F4, Nikkor 80mm, Fujichrome Velvia, $\frac{1}{8}$ sec. at $f/16$

Nikon F4, Nikkor 80-200mm at 200mm, Fujichrome Velvia, $\frac{1}{8}$ sec. at $f/16$

Nikon F4, Nikkor 560mm (200-400mm zoom at 400mm with a 1.4X teleconverter), Fujichrome Velvia, $\frac{1}{8}$ sec. at $f/16$





ANYTHING INCLUDED IN THE FRAME should support the main idea of the image. A busy, cluttered background confuses the eye. By simplifying the image to its essential elements, the impact of the photo can be brought out. All three images are maple leaves on a pond in the Olympic National Forest, Washington state.

Clockwise from far left: Nikon F4, Nikkor 50mm, Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{500}$ sec. at $f/5.6$

Nikon F4, Nikkor 135 mm $f/2.8$, Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{500}$ sec. at $f/5.6$

Nikon F4, Nikkor 135mm $f/2.8$, Kodachrome 64, $\frac{1}{500}$ sec. at $f/5.6$

In a landscape, a lot of things are usually going on in the viewfinder. Artists who sketch in the field will often take a piece of cardboard with a rectangle cut from the middle. By holding it up to frame various sections in the landscape, they can isolate what has potential as a strong composition.

This can also be a valuable aid for photographers who have trouble visualizing the potential field of view of different focal length lenses. The closer you hold the hole in the board to your eye, the more it approximates the field of view of a wide-angle lens. The farther away you hold it, the more it resembles what a telephoto lens might see.

Isolating the subject is the first step in making a stronger composition. This can be achieved in a number of ways—coming in close, backing up, looking down, looking up, changing the direction of the light on the subject, waiting for another time of day, blurring the action or stopping the action, using selective focus to blur unwanted elements, putting a light subject against a dark background—all these are potential creative solutions.

Isolating your emotional responses to the subject may be more complicated and take time and practice, but it is an important step for an artist. If you can analyze why you feel drawn to make the picture, and work to express the feeling clearly, chances are someone looking at it will also respond with more than passing interest.

Art Wolfe—In the first sequence, we see a progressively tighter series of compositions. The first was a record

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BY STEVE ANCHELL • PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARSHALL NOICE

Glacier In Black & White

Living in Montana, on the edge of Glacier National Park, Marshall Noice has had an ongoing love affair with both the park and photography since 1968. One of his life ambitions is to walk and photograph every trail in the park. He's still far from achieving that goal, but not from lack of trying.

Noice's interest in photography goes beyond the landscape, extending to any subject that interests him. He's well-known for his black-and-white portraiture—on-commission work he does in his famous north light studio and the images he captures when he's out relaxing with his

camera for the day. This is something Noice does as often as possible—take time off from photographing so he can go make photographs.

OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHER:
What originally prompted you to make photographs?

Marshall Noice: I wanted to share what I experienced while hiking in Glacier Park. But after seeing Edward Weston's *The Flame of Recognition*, I wanted to create photographs that could really capture the beauty and grandeur that I had seen. I purchased a Burke & James 5x7 camera for \$75 from a local photographer. At that point in my life that was a princely sum, so I talked him into throwing in two film holders and a tripod.

I also purchased Ansel Adams' *Basic Photo* books and, based on the outdated information, I bought a case of GAF Versapan film and enough bulk chemicals to make a whole bunch of D-23 developer. I was trying to print these negatives and had the opportunity to show them to Ansel.

They were plain lousy. The grain was as big as baseballs, and it wasn't a nice grain. It wasn't a sharp-edged baseball; it was a mushy baseball. Ansel asked what I was using for film and developer, so I told him. He said, "Well, you might want to try Tri-X and HC-110." I went back and tried that and it was infinitely better. I guess that's one of the pitfalls of working in isolation—it's very easy



SPRING SNOW,
*Glacier National
 Park, Montana. A
 cross-country
 skiing trip
 through the park
 brought Noice to
 this expansive
 landscape (left).
 He made some
 medium-format
 negatives, then
 skied back to his
 car and returned
 with a 4x5 to
 make this photo.*

Sinar F 4x5, Kodak
 Ektar 207mm lens,
 Kodak Super XX
 pan, Zone VI Brilliant
 paper developed in
 Ansco 130

BIRCH TRUNKS,
*Glacier National
 Park, Montana.
 At Packer's
 Roost, Noice was
 disappointed to
 find that no great
 images seemed
 to present
 themselves. While
 he was preparing
 to leave, he saw
 this intriguing
 image (right).*

Sinar F 4x5,
 Schneider Symmar
 S 135mm, Tri-X in
 HC-110, Oriental
 Seagull Grade II
 paper developed in
 Ansco 130

splashed a little bit of plain hypo into it. As long as there's pure hypo in the ferricyanide, the process takes place while you're watching. If you don't use the hypo, you won't see the bleaching effect until you put the print in the hypo to stop the bleaching action. I used about one-eighth to one-quarter of a teaspoon of potassium ferricyanide to a liter of water. Then I added about 10 to 20cc of hypo that's mixed one pound to one liter of water.

OP: *That's a heavy concentration of hypo. Usually, it's mixed one pound to two liters.*

Noice: That's how I use it for fixing prints—one pound to one liter is my stock solution. Then I dilute that by half to fix prints. But when I'm reducing prints with ferricyanide, I pour it right out of the jug. The hypo acts as a catalyst in the ferricyanide. When the bleaching is where I want it, I put the print directly into a second tray of plain hypo and it acts as a brake for the bleaching action.

OP: *What about local reduction of prints to enhance the high-*

lights or open the shadows?

Noice: That's something I've started doing extensively. I can't think of a print I've made recently in which I haven't used ferricyanide to open up a shadow or add contrast to a dark area or take something that is light gray up to that very edge of paper-base white. I apply the ferricyanide with a fairly large No. 6 or No. 8 round watercolor brush to areas that need greater contrast or to bring out detail in the shadow. The prints have been much more satisfying.

Another technique is to immerse a cold-tone print that has been selenium-toned in the ferricyanide bleach. As the print bleaches, the light gray areas turn a rosy-tan color. It warms up the light-gray values and gives the print a little bit of that warm-cool, split-tone effect, but much more subtle. I find the effect to be beautiful.

OP: *Many of your images exhibit a sense of light and space that photographers often strive, and just as often fail, to achieve.*

Noice: I admit sometimes I feel like intoning the spirits when the light



to develop consistent work habits and become immersed in creating images, but not be aware of the latest technology that allows you to improve.

OP: *You're now considered to be a master black-and-white printer. Do you have any techniques to share?*

Noice: Print reduction is a technique I use a lot. I first learned how to do overall reduction of a print from Morley Baer, who taught me to print a little darker and then submerge the fixed print in potassium ferricyanide to give it a little more snap. If you're not careful, it's an easy way to ruin prints.

OP: *Can you be more specific about your ferricyanide technique?*

Noice: For years, I just put a small amount of ferricyanide in water and



WEST SHORE, Flathead Lake, Montana.

Don't pass up a good image. About a year after making this photo, Noice returned to try a different approach to the subject and found that the rock in the center of the frame had mysteriously vanished.

Sinar F 4x5, Schneider 90mm Super Angulon, Tri-X in HC-110, Zone VI Brilliant grade III, split development in Selectol Soft for three minutes, then Ansco 130 for 30 seconds

is just right and hope the negative will get a little bit of that space I'm sensing as I view the scene. That's something I find to be an aesthetic problem directly related to technique that I've been struggling with throughout my career as a photographer—creating an illusion of space on a two-dimensional print. Certain films, developers and papers have a greater ability to do that than others.

OP: How do you determine which paper you're going to use?

Noice: When I make an image, I often have a particular paper in mind. I'll be looking at a landscape or a still life and think, "This will really sing on Seagull," or "This is a perfect situation for Portriga."

OP: Have you experimented with T-Max films?

Noice: Yes, I use T-Max 100 in the Hasselblad. I find that the T-Max films tend to accentuate the graphic

qualities of the subject. The images I've made with T-Max are successful because of their graphic qualities.

OP: What cameras and formats do you use?

Noice: I use a Sinar F, which I purchased in 1975, and a Hasselblad.

OP: That's interesting. Most large-format landscape photographers are using flat-bed, folding field cameras such as Deardorff, Wisner or Zone VI. How did you end up with a monorail design?

Noice: It was another one of those decisions made without the influence of experience or a knowledgeable mentor. At the time, the other camera I considered buying was the Deardorff, which was the only flat-bed available, and I wasn't impressed with it. I had used the Burke & James and was used to the metal monorail design, so the Sinar was a real step up. I've never used another view

camera—it's the only tool I know.

OP: What lenses do you use?

Noice: 65mm Caltar and 95mm, 135mm, 210mm, 355mm Schneiders. I'd like to get a couple of longer lenses, like a 450mm and a 600mm.

OP: And in the darkroom?

Noice: That's a funny story. I spent about 200 hours building a light source that clipped onto the back of my Burke & James view camera. It was quite elaborate. I made just one print and decided to buy a Durst CE1000 enlarger. I use that and Schneider Componon lenses.

OP: As a fine-art photographer, how do you make ends meet in a small town?

Noice: I sell as many prints as I can! That's about one-eighth of a living, maybe a quarter. I also operate a portrait studio in town where I do portraits by commission—that's easily half of my income. I enjoy doing

GLACIER

both color and black-and-white portraits, but I have a greater sense of investment in the black-and-white since I don't do the color printing. I use both the 4x5 and the Hasselblad. If the portrait is black-and-white, I'm more likely to use the 4x5. In color, I'm more likely to use the roll-film camera. I use both studio strobes and natural light, indoors and outdoors. I rarely use the 4x5 with anything other than natural light.

OP: *When you say you use natural light for your portraits, what do you mean? How do you achieve the elegant results I've seen?*

Noice: There's a certain quality to light from the Northern Hemisphere, which has been noted by photographers and workers in the other visual arts. North light has the ability to render form and structure in a way no other light seems to equal. I have windows with black-out curtains on both sides of my studio. Sometimes I'll open the north curtains completely and the south just slightly to illuminate a portion of the subject's face on what would be the shadow side.

OP: *What kind of exposure times do you realize using north light?*

Noice: With the view camera, it's not unusual to have one second or longer exposures, which means it's easy to use a lot of film. When that occurs, sometimes I'll switch to strobe.

OP: *So far we have print sales for one-eighth of a small-town photographer's income and portrait studio for one-half. That leaves three-eighths of an income to account for.*

Noice: Well, I live about half-an-hour's drive from the west end of Glacier National Park, and I spend a lot of time photographing there. I tend to work in the same places again and again, trying to create an image that is more lucid, more evocative of what I've seen before. A lot of tourists come to Glacier, so I produced a black-and-white poster that's been very successful. I'm bringing out another one and may even expand and do one of Yellowstone or the Grand Tetons.

I took an 8x10-inch print of that photograph to a workshop I was assisting in 1979 and showed it to Ralph Gibson, who was one of the instructors. Ralph said, "Marshall, when you have 12 images like this, you'll never have to worry about income again." I'm still searching for number two!

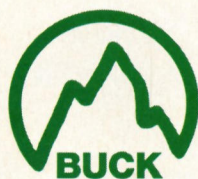
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freeze the motion**

BY GEORGE LEPP

Have you ever noticed how active subjects don't always present themselves in the best light or how the long lens you're using at dusk is only an $f/5.6$ and the subject in the scene won't hold still for a $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. exposure with your slow-speed transparency film? You've been there? We all have. Fuji has stepped into the competition, adding a greatly improved faster-speed slide film—Fujichrome 400D RHP.



You might have read my comments on Kodak's new 400X and 400HC Ektachromes in the December, 1992 issue of *OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHER*. Fuji's bid in faster films is actually a viable choice for photographers shooting in low-light conditions. Where Kodak used its T-Grain technology for sharper fast films, Fuji uses its Sigma Crystal and Thin Emulsion Technology. The end result is a much improved 400 ISO slide film that can be pushed to 800 and 1600 ISO. These aren't "do everything" films with the resolution and color of a 100 ISO film, but sometimes more film speed is the only answer.

The previous Fujichrome 400 speed film was above average in color rendition and average in resolution or grain structure for a serious slide film. The better answer was to push Fujichrome film one stop to 200 ISO and deal with the insufficient speed or use Kodachrome 200 pushed from 400 to 500 ISO with the reasonable, yet marginal, color and grain. The new Fujichrome 400D surpasses both of the past alternatives.

My field testing included photographing polar bears near Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, and bald eagles near Haines, Alaska. Both photographic situations needed long lenses, yet had minimal available light. Polar bear photography is usually accomplished from a "tundra buggy," with a dozen or so other people in the vehicle with you. The movement of the passengers tends to create a lot of motion and requires a fast shutter speed to be surmounted. The other problem is that many of the best photographs are taken with lenses from 300 to 600mm, dictating a faster shutter speed as well.

TOP, LEFT: *This surfer off the coast of Cayucos, Calif., was strongly backlit. To open up enough to get detail in his face and wetsuit and still maintain a fast enough shutter speed to freeze the motion, a high-speed emulsion was required.*

Canon EOS-1, Canon 600 f/4, Fujichrome 400, $\frac{1}{1000}$ sec. at f/5.6

LEFT: *Low light, combined with the movement of these bears in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, made this a difficult shot. High-speed film was mandatory.*

Canon EOS-1, Canon 300 f/2.8 with 2X, Fujichrome 400, NiCd pack for camera, monopod, $\frac{1}{500}$ sec. at f/5.6

Factor in weather conditions that can range from overcast skies to full-blown snowstorms, and the occasional use of a 400 ISO film starts to make sense. On brighter days, however, and when the bears were close enough to use the 300mm f/2.8 without any tele-extenders, I did use slower, fine-grain slide films.

The second test came on the Chilkat River in southeast Alaska, where the concentration of bald eagles, numbering more than 2000, come to feed on spawned-out salmon each fall. Most of the birds are up in tall cottonwood trees along the river or out 100 feet or more feeding along the river banks. The need here is for long glass and a 400mm telephoto is a starting point. I found myself using the 600mm at f/4 with a 1.4X tele-extender (840mm at f/5.6) most of the time. If you wanted night shots, the call was for not only a long lens, but for a shutter speed of at least $\frac{1}{500}$ sec.

This wouldn't be much of a problem if the sun shone every day, but in southeast Alaska, snow, rain and fog are the expected weather. In my five days of shooting, I was fortunate to have two half-days of sunshine. Because of the high mountains in the area and the lateness of the season, the light wasn't shootable with slower films until around 9 a.m., and the sun dipped behind the mountains at 3 p.m. Naturally, the eagles are most active early and late in the day. These conditions add up to the occasional need for a 400 ISO film. My first choice may be a slower slide film that offers a sharper image, but the Fujichrome 400D did give me photographic opportunities that I would not have otherwise attempted.

One of the positive points of the new Fujichrome 400D was its ability to bring out the clean whites of the snow. To better check out both the other colors' rendition and to compare Kodak's 400X against the Fuji 400D, I also photographed some board and wind surfers in California. The final results showed that both films were much improved over their predecessors and very close in resolution capabilities. The color rendition isn't very different and will be a personal choice instead of a sole determination. Once again, the photographer is the winner of the technology race with the availability of greatly improved faster slide films like Fujichrome 400D. **OP**



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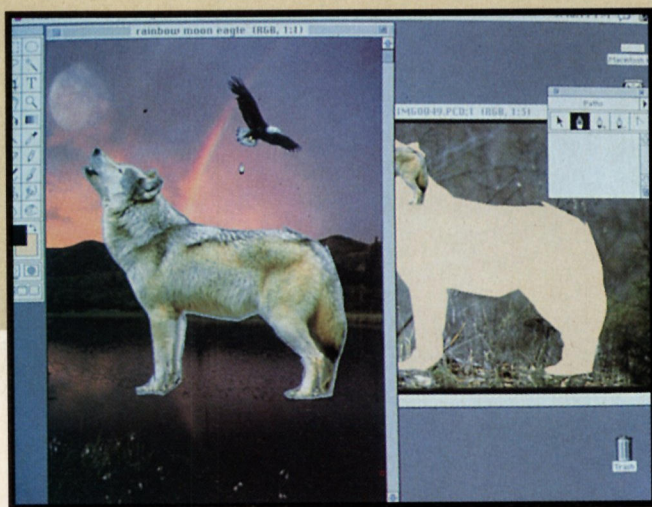
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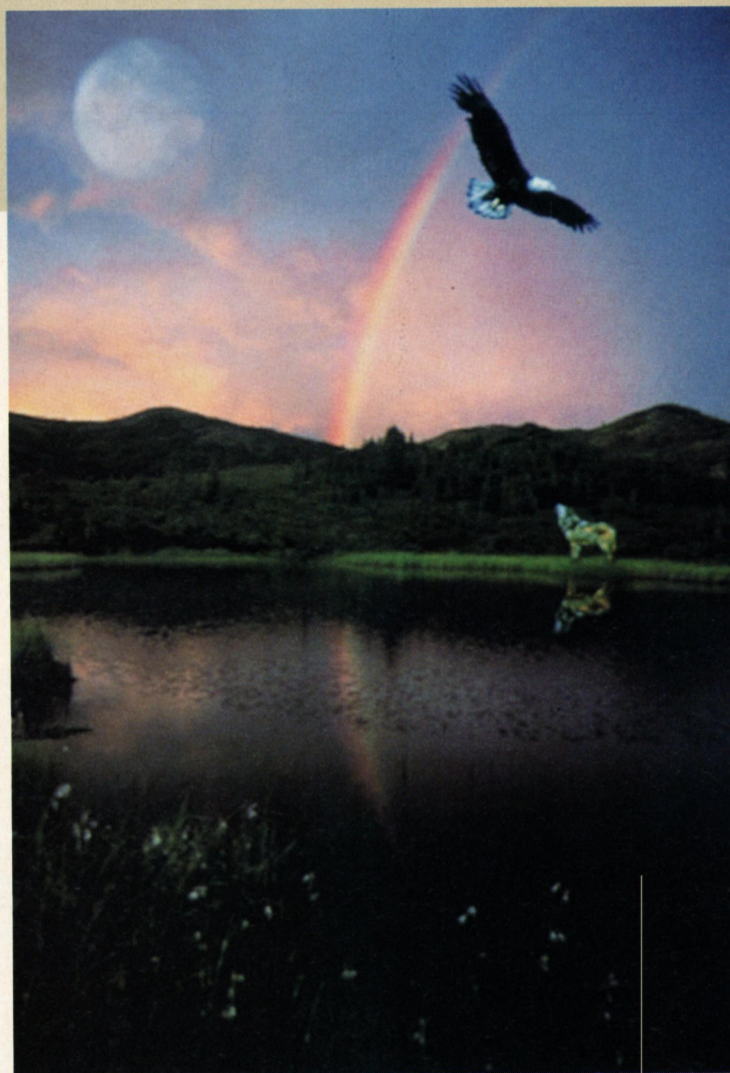
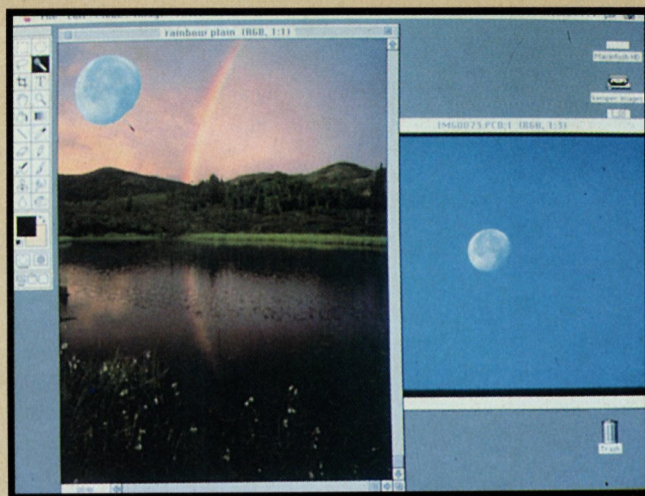
Although you may never experience the ideal wildlife or landscape shoot, the silicon age can bring you very close

BY LEWIS KEMPER

I've joked with the participants in my workshops many times about the perfect picture we would find during the day. Someone usually mentions that discovering a rainbow at sunset would be nice. Another adds, "How about a full moon?" "And an eagle flying across it?" chimes in someone else. "How about a wolf howling at the moon?" suggests yet another member of the group. And on and on it goes. So how about it? Would you like to create that "perfect image?"

Since the darkroom's inception, photographers have been manipulating their images. Some photographers create these manipulations in the camera by doing double exposures, some create montages in the chemical darkroom and others make special effects in slide duplication. With the advent of the "electronic darkroom," there's another tool that allows you the freedom to craft images that were difficult, if not impossible, to do in the past.

This article is the first in a series that discusses the new electronic darkroom and how you can put it to use. There are numerous image manipulation programs available for the personal computer, and the most widely used of these programs is Adobe Photoshop, which allows you to take elements from one image and place them in another image, and is available for both Macintosh and PC-compatible computers.



IF YOU CAN IMAGINE IT, you can create it. The final image (above) was the result of combining several original slides that were scanned onto a Kodak Photo CD. The Photo CD computer files were combined in Adobe's Photoshop program to create intermediate steps (smaller computer screen images, top and left) and, finally, this impossible dream from Kemper's imagination.

All the image manipulation you see here was done using a Macintosh Quadra 950 with 40 megabytes of RAM, a 235-megabyte hard drive, an Apple 16-inch color monitor, PLI CD-ROM disk drive, a Magic 128 optical drive and a Spectral Innovations DSP accelerator for Adobe Photoshop filters. This article, however, isn't about hardware, but about the fun and creativity you can have working in the digital darkroom.

These images were originally taken with a Nikon camera and conventional film and were custom-scanned onto a Photo CD by Palmers Photographic of Sacramento, Calif. Palmers was one of the first Photo CD stations in the country and does an excellent job of providing images to use in the digital darkroom.

Using the Kodak Photo CD acquire module for Photoshop, I open my images into the program. The first image is a picture I took while in Denali National Park in Alaska, where I had the luck of capturing a rainbow during sunset. The next step is to add the image of a moon I shot in Central California.

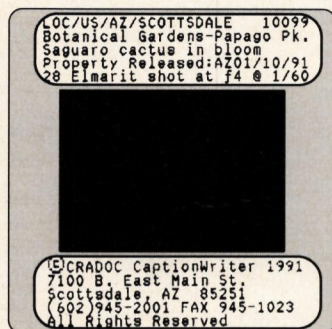
I open another window of the moon shot, and using the wand tool from the tool palette on the left edge of the screen, I select the moon in the picture. There are many tools in Photoshop that allow you to select areas, and the wand tool selects color. You place the tool on a particular color, click the mouse button and the tool selects all adjacent colors that are similar. I used this method to pick the moon out of the blue sky. Once the moon is selected, I copy it using the copy command from the "Edit" column in the menu bar located at the top of the screen.

Next, I move back to the original rainbow picture and paste the moon image in it. As long as the moon is still

highlighted by the "marching ants" or dotted lines, I can move it to any location in the image. Since the photograph of the moon was taken on a clear day, I needed to make some adjustments to its color balance to make it look like part of the new image. For this, I use the cloning tool to clone parts of the sky over the moon, setting the opacity to 35 percent. This adds the warm colors to the moon.

Now for the eagle. I open the image of an eagle that I had taken in Ketchikan, Alaska, and enlarge the eagle with the magnifying tool so that I can have a larger subject with which to work. I then open the path toolbox from the "Window" column on the menu bar, choose the path tool and begin to outline the eagle. The path tool makes an anchor point every time you click the mouse button and a connecting line is made between each anchor point, similar to "connect the dots." This gives you a very precise way to outline a complex object. Once the eagle has a complete path around it, I choose "Make Selection" from the path toolbox sub-menu. This takes my path and turns it into the current selection. Next, I click the mouse button while pointing on the empty white space in the path toolbox—this clears the path and keeps the object selected. I once again use the copy and paste features, and this places my eagle into the new picture.

Once I add the photograph of the wolf and its reflection, the picture will be complete. I open the wolf picture using the acquire module, and using the same method as with the eagle, I make a path around the wolf. When the path is complete, I again turn the path into the selection. Using copy and paste, I move the wolf over to the new image. The wolf is much too large to just place into the picture, so I resize the wolf using the scale feature. The scale feature



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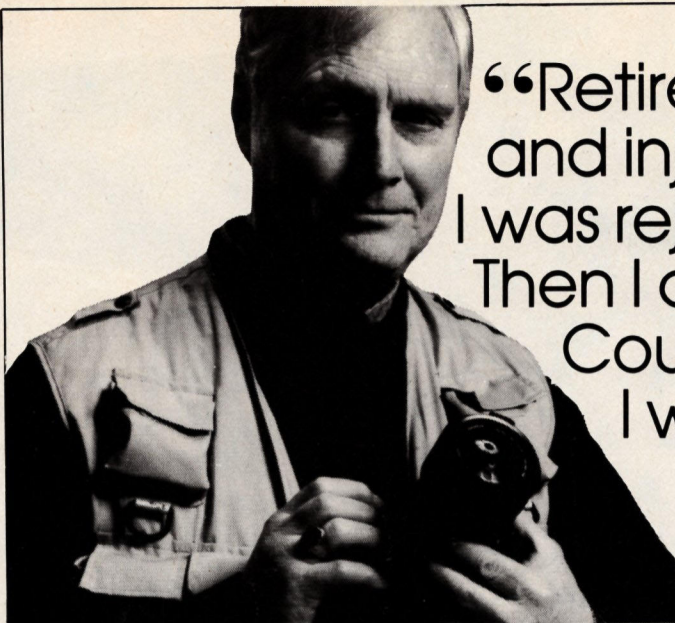
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Calgary, ALTA.

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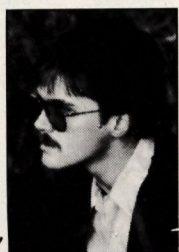
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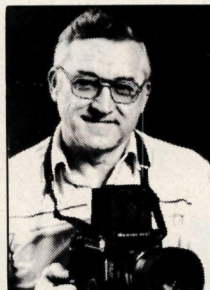
And Leo Paro of Burton, Michigan, fairly glowed: "I'm proudest of having one of my pictures published in *Readers Digest*. Thanks, NYI. You made a successful photographer out of me at the tender age of 50!"

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Walking from the hazy sunlight into the deep shade, hidden in the wake of a beautiful stand of maples, you feel that first chill—it's colder out here than you anticipated. About now, you're probably wishing you had paid more attention to *OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHER's* guide to cold-weather apparel and made some judicious purchases.

To stave off the chills inherent in autumn shooting, we present some of the best of the outdoor clothing currently available. From Vent-A-Layer, the highest of the high-tech, to Woolrich and Columbia, both of whom make truly fine garments in traditional fabrics, we look at the fashions that will keep you looking natty and toasty-warm to boot while you're creating those memorable fall images.



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Whether wind, rain, sleet or snow, bad weather can result in good photos. These garments will take the damp and cold out of your upcoming fall and winter outings.

STAFF REPORT

1. Vent-A-Layer

DuoFold, one of the oldest names in warm clothing, introduced the Vent-A-Layer system a couple years ago. We tested the system last winter in Yellowstone National Park and Jackson Hole, Mont., and were amazed at the ratio of weight to warmth. Many times it was so cold that the buffalo seemed to be shivering, but we stayed warm and comfortable. Vent-A-Layer provides a matched layering system with three layers—the inside most layer is Thermostat underwear, which keeps you warm, but allows



perspiration to escape; the middle layer, made from Thermostat Arctic Fleece, is lightweight, yet traps warm air next to your body; and the outside layer is made of Gore-Tex, which stops wind and rain, but still breathes. If you're planning to be outside shooting when most sane people would be at home by the fire, you'll want to be wearing Vent-A-Layer.

2. Timberland Weathergear Zip Front

Featuring a 100-percent nylon shell that's water-resistant and has more pockets than a photographer knows what to do with (almost), the Zip Front is a natural for cold-weather photographic expeditions. We used two of the pockets for film stock, shot film and still had plenty of pocket space for gloves and other personal accoutrements. The length of the coat, weather flaps and sleeve closures make it a great choice when wind and rain dog you out in the field.

3. Woolrich Saddle Blanket Coat

Whether you're out riding the range or making large-format, black-and-white negatives with a wooden field camera, this saddle blanket coat from Woolrich will be



a great complement. The jacket not only features that "old southwest" look, but also sports a thermal liner that will keep away the frost on most fall days so you can continue to snap away in comfort.

4. Columbia Big Sky II Parka

For travel, this heavyweight, cotton canvas jacket with removable fleece lining is tough to beat. The parka is garment-washed, meaning the jacket has been washed as a unit before you bought it. This process prevents uneven shrinking so the jacket will never lose its fit. Radial-cut





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sleeves allow great freedom of movement, too.

The liner and

jacket can be worn

separately, creating a versatile system

that will keep you comfortable in weather from cool to downright frosty.

5. Royal Robbins 511 Pants

The 511—classic cargo pants with pockets everywhere, which are great for carrying filters, film, batteries, pens and all sorts of small accessories. The pants are made from 8½-ounce cotton canvas and are pigment-dyed, which gives them that broken-in look. The knees and seat are reinforced, a much-



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needed feature for photographers who must get in real close for macro shooting. The knees also have pockets into which pads can be inserted to save your knee caps from wear and tear if you do a lot of low-angle images and end up spending a good part of the day on the ground. These pants are so rugged that the FBI has designated them as the outdoor wear of choice for its trainees.

6. L.L. Bean Fleece Pullover

L.L. Bean was one of the first outfitters to add Polartec to its line. Bean's fleece pullover is made from

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Polartec Series 200 and works well on cool days or under your jacket on colder days to keep you warm. The pullover has nylon supplex trim, and all neck seams are covered to prevent chafing. Hand warmer pockets and its overall breathable, soft comfort make the pullover feel like an old friend from the first time you wear it.

7. The North Face Denali Jacket

The classic North Face Denali jacket has been seen in virtually every mountain range in the world. The Denali is made from Polartec 300, a synthetic with an incredible weight to warmth ratio. In addition to its advanced Polartec fabric, the

jacket has reinforcements made of abrasion-resistant Taslan at critical points on the elbows and upper body. The Denali also zips into the North Face mountain jacket for those occasions when bad weather turns worse.

8. Columbia Guinness Fatigue Sweater

The fatigue sweater is another

one of those classics that never goes out of style. This variation has been done in wool, cotton and silk, and now Columbia manufactures it in MTR fleece—its high-tech, warm and fuzzy fabric. The sweater can be worn over a shirt or is soft enough to be worn by itself. The Guinness also sports the same radial-sleeve design as the Big Sky Parka, allowing unrestricted movement. **OP**

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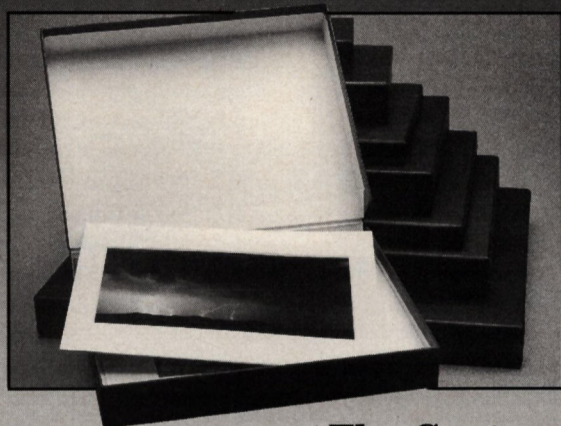
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of what I saw as I drove up a road in the western Olympic Mountains. What caught my eye were the white alder trees in the early spring. I used my 80mm lens to record the scene. The composition is loose; there is too much detail. Very distracting elements are the light sky, the trees on the right and the shoreline in the foreground strewn with logs. All these serve to weaken what I initially saw.

The second image was taken at a 200mm focal length, and while some of the distracting elements are removed, I still haven't achieved the statement of trees that I want. The last image was taken with a 400mm lens. I'm now tight on the tree trunks, and there is nothing to compete with the delicate lines of the trunks and branches. The fine detail, however, couldn't have been achieved on a bright, sunny day. The even, soft, overcast light created a uniform condition, without bright highlights and dark shadows. Had I photographed this scene under sunny, midday light, the trunks would have cast shadows on each other, and the image would have broken up into dark and light patches, making it too hard for the film to read.

Martha Hill—This is a classic landscape dilemma most photographers are faced with and a perfect example of making order out of chaos. If you don't have the luxury of moving to a new vantage point from which to photograph, then you have to think of an alternate way to make the image say what you want.

We used an image very similar to this of Art's aspen trees as a cover of *Audubon* in March, 1985. It was a subtle study of line and tone, again taken under soft-light conditions. Trees have character. But what made the cover image so unusual was just having the straight, narrow, white trunks of the trees closely massed together.

AW—In the next set of images, I'm photographing maple leaves I found floating on a small pond on the Olympic Peninsula. In the first image, shot with a 50mm lens, there are a lot of elements that confuse the eye—the out-of-focus blades of grass in the foreground, the leaves below the surface and the tangle of reeds at the top of the frame.

In the second frame, I've gone to a 135mm, and I'm narrowing down my

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subject matter. My interest is clearly the floating leaves, but there is still a lot of clutter here. Some leaves are out of focus, and my eye is still wandering throughout, trying to make some kind of order.

In the third image, I've simplified it to a single leaf floating on the surface. To give it a sense of place, I've left a suggestion of the reeds in the reflection. The final image still has the same elements as the first, but the statement is clearer and stronger.

MH—While I do like the composition of the middle image, I would have to reject it for publication because of the shallow depth of field. If the front edge of the biggest leaf were sharp, it would be publishable, and I'd also crop the light spots at the top edges.

The final version is definitely the best, partly because of its simplicity, but also because there is a subtle play of elements going on in the picture. There is no question, visually, that the leaf is floating on the water. As a light subject, it comes forward of the darker background. Art has also placed it high in the picture, so it floats within the vertical space. But it's firmly held down in the picture space by the strong dark space at the top. From the bottom, the soft curves of the reflected reeds hold the leaf up and in the frame.

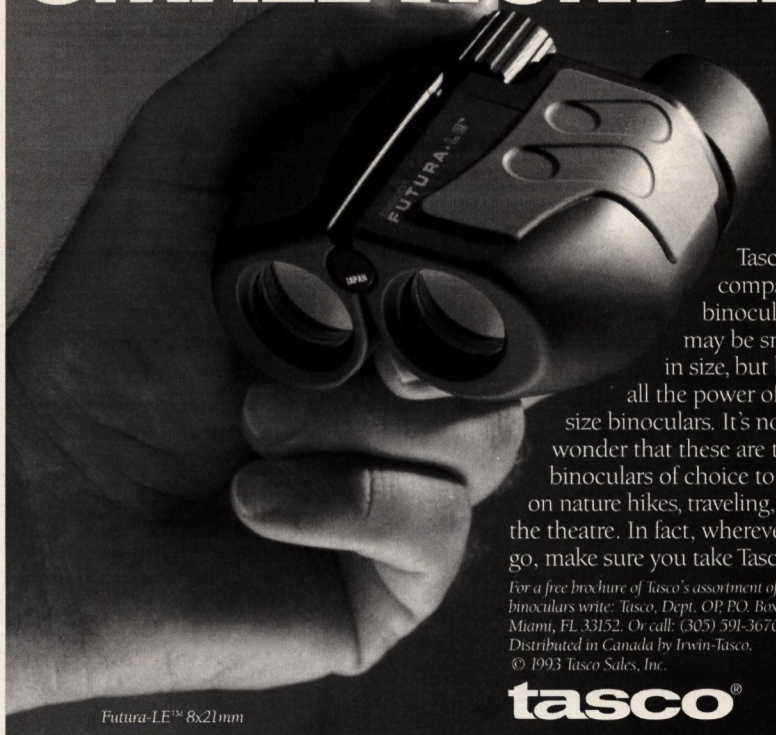
The reflection of the grasses implies a swirling movement to remind us the leaf is not really frozen. It's subject to the flow of water and the blowing wind. Without this, the picture would be static. The dark shadow line of the grass gently divides the picture across a diagonal line, which adds a dynamism to the image, reinforcing the illusion of motion. **OP**

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BIRDING SPOTS

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180 nesting species. Bald eagles are more abundant here than any place outside Alaska, with more than 500 spending the winter feeding on sick and injured waterfowl.

Lower Klamath Refuge hosts the largest number of breeding waterfowl; Clear Lake Refuge is dotted with small islands where white pelicans, double-crested cormorants, Caspian terns and various gulls have established nesting colonies. On the surrounding sagebrush uplands, sage grouse strut about their courtship arenas in late March and early April. Other semi-desert specialties breed here, including four sparrows—the vesper, lark, Brewer's and sage sparrows—that will challenge your identification skills.

The Tule Lake Refuge is best known for its hundreds of nesting western, eared and pied-billed grebes. All of the National Wildlife Refuge units are administered from Tule Lake Headquarters in Tule Lake, where maps and information are available.

Point Pelee, Ontario

This flat spit of land, projecting southward into Lake Erie for nine miles, has long been a Mecca for bird-watchers. It's believed by many birders to provide the most dramatic show of migrating species on the continent. Most of the area is preserved inside Point Pelee National Park.

One of the best times to visit is May, and if bad weather descends from the north, there will be an exciting "fall-out" of birds. Crossing Lake Erie into the wind, northbound migrants make for Point Pelee, the nearest landfall. During a storm in mid-May, the peninsula will be alive with tanagers, flycatchers, orioles, vireos, grosbeaks, buntings, thrushes, swallows and especially warblers.

Platte River, Nebraska

Each year at winter's end, Nebraska's central Platte River Valley comes alive with the impressive sights and sounds of the largest gathering of any crane species in the world. Some 200,000 sandhill cranes, migrating from wintering areas in New Mexico and Texas, convene here for a month or so to feed and rest.

These tall, long-legged birds, with their resounding, gargling calls, are drawn to the Platte for several rea-

sons. The river satisfies the cranes' special requirements for a night roost—a broad, shallow river channel (2000 feet wide and six inches deep) whose islands and sandbars are free of vegetation. There's also abundant food in the surrounding countryside.

There are only 80 miles of the Platte River where good numbers of cranes can be found. The longest stretch is between Grand Island and Lexington; another is between North

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Much of the shoreline is comprised of marshes, shallow lagoons, sandbars and mangrove swamps that attract a great number and variety of wading birds and over-wintering grebes, loons, waterfowl and shorebirds. Of particular renown is Aransas National Wildlife Refuge where endangered whooping cranes pass the winter. The best way to view these large waders is to board one of the birding tour boats, which leave several times daily from the town of Rockport.

Birds migrating to and from South and Central America pass along the Texas coast during fall and spring. Nowhere can you get a better view of migrating songbirds than in the little town of High Island, located about 25 miles north of Galveston. This slight hump in an otherwise table-flat landscape is the only place for miles where there are trees. Warblers, vireos, thrushes, grosbeaks, buntings and orioles, exhausted by their flight across the Gulf of Mexico, home in on this solitary refuge. The best time to visit is during stormy weather in mid-April, when the oak and hackberry trees are alive with these songbirds in brilliant breeding plumage.

While you're in the High Island vicinity, be sure to visit Bolivar Flats at low tide to see perhaps the most varied aggregation of shorebirds on the continent (including avocets in flocks of a thousand) and hundreds of white and brown pelicans loafing on the sandbars. It's an excellent spot to see and compare as many as 30 species of shorebirds at once.

Another attraction for birders is in Texas' deep south, along the Rio Grande River. Here, sub-tropical vegetation draws rarities from Mexico, including the least grebe, black-bellied whistling tree duck, chachalaca, tropical kingbird, kiskadee flycatcher and the hook-billed kite. Don't miss the tiny but spectacular Santa Ana Refuge, one of the best places to experience this habitat.

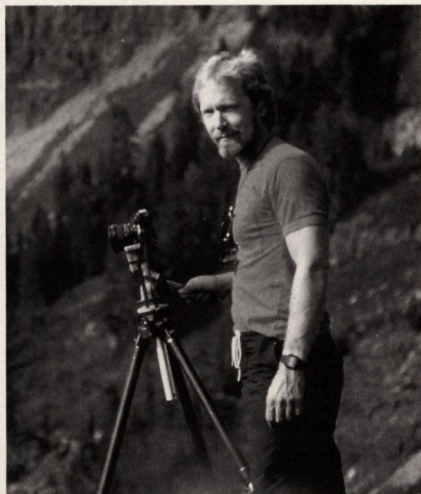
Although the areas and regions described above offer some of the most dramatic bird spectacles on the continent, equal excitement can often be found in your own neighborhood. To tune in to the local action, consult a regional bird guide for your area. Those compiled by Audubon Societies are usually excellent, as are James A. Lane's series of *Birder's*

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Your own backyard may prove to be even more productive photographically if you make it attractive to birds. You can set up a bird feeder stocked with seeds and suet, or during the warmer seasons, a hummingbird feeder and bird boxes. You can plant trees and shrubs that provide food, shelter and nesting sites to create a miniature sanctuary where birds can be photographed from a house window or blind.

In most regions, a suburbanite can expect to attract 20 or more species to the backyard; in rural settings, the variety is even greater. There are numerous books describing how to attract birds, and some of the best information is available free of charge from the National Wildlife Federation in Washington, D.C.

Photographing birds in your backyard makes it easier to do specialized photography, such as stop-action flash images of birds bathing at a birdbath, rearing their young inside an artificial nesting box or swooping into a feeder. The private venue makes it practical to construct studio setups where birds can be predictably photographed in well-lit, attractive settings that are visited frequently by the subject. And you just might be surprised by the number of species you can attract. **OP**



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Watch carefully and be patient.

Wise and prudent use of filters can improve your autumn photographs. Many amateurs, however, believe the pros use filters as their secret weapon to capture brilliant autumn color. I believe it's much more related to the use of good light. I use 81A or 81B warming filters on a regular basis since I often photograph in conditions in which there's more blue light, such as in open shade or on overcast days. A polarizer can be very useful on both cloudy and sunny days. Reflections eliminated off shiny leaves will bring out the color more. The drawback, of course, is that they require about two stops more exposure.

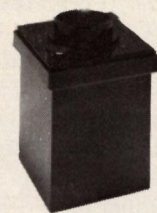
The ultimate reward in photographing the landscape is tuning into the natural rhythms of the land and renewing a sense of wonder. The experience of seeing is most important—take the time to assimilate to the surroundings. If I don't find a single image to make, I'm not going to worry about it. This virtually guarantees I'll find one. I see this as a Zen, or meditative approach. One waits patiently for, but doesn't force, inspiration. The joy of seeing something that moves me is the motivation to make an image. The urge to make photographs, regardless of inspiration, leads to a forced effort and results in lesser-quality images.

The making of a photograph comes second but not secondary. The deeper the experience of seeing, the better the images can be. The combination of seeing and then resolving the vision photographically is vastly rewarding. When you're photographing this fall, put your camera down for a while and enjoy the moment. The best images are made by a relaxed and refreshed mind. Is there a better place to rejuvenate your soul than in the wildness of nature? **OP**

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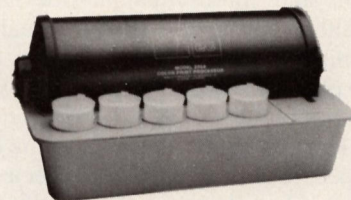
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OP: How was that image made?

Noice: I was cross-country skiing and I had a Hasselblad camera in my fanny pack. I took a photograph with the Hasselblad, skied back to the car and got my 4x5, returned and took the image a second time. The square image is equally strong. There are certainly no better lenses in the world than Zeiss lenses. That becomes a critical issue when you want to make enlargements from roll-film negatives.

OP: It's interesting that the one image Ralph Gibson commented on was taken when you were cross-country skiing, away from your car or other conveniences.

Noice: I think it relates to my approach to photography. Photography for me is very much integrated into my life. I tend to photograph rather than take a trip to photograph. In other words, photography is something I do every day, not something I make special arrangements to do.

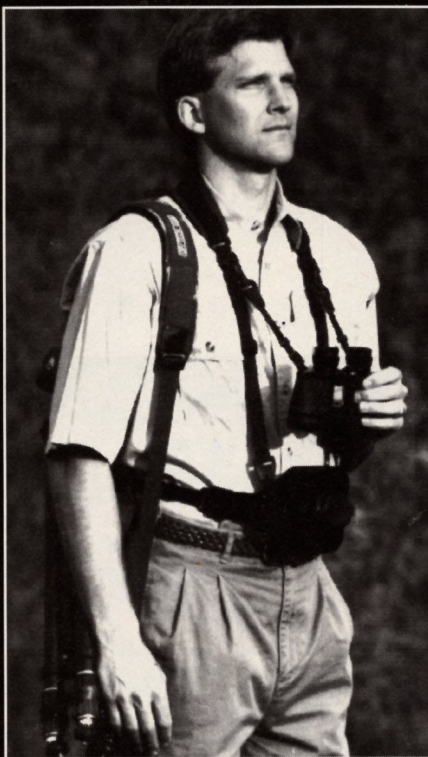
When I'm teaching, one of the points I like to make is that I wouldn't dream of photographing anything I'm not interested in. I think a lot of people are in love with photography, but really don't create images that are worth much. Often, it's because they don't integrate photography with other passions they have.

In my case, I'm very interested in the landscape from a variety of perspectives. I'm interested in geology and botany, and I've been a student of Glacier National Park, from both an historical and geographical perspective. Those interests and my determination to photograph subjects I'm truly interested in is the reason photography has continued to be something I really love to do. **OP**



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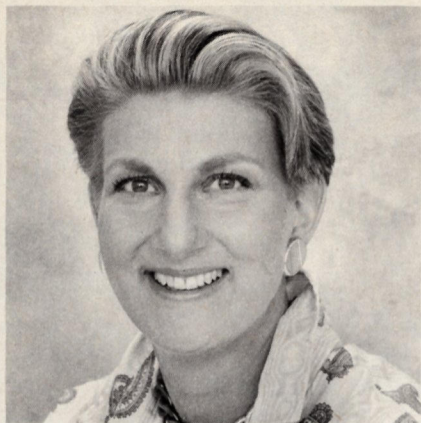
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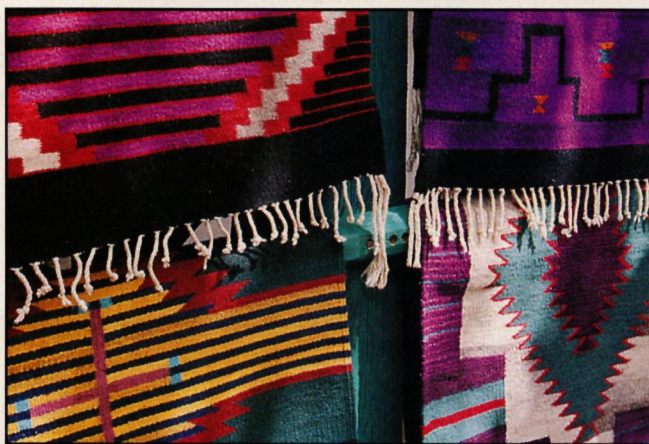
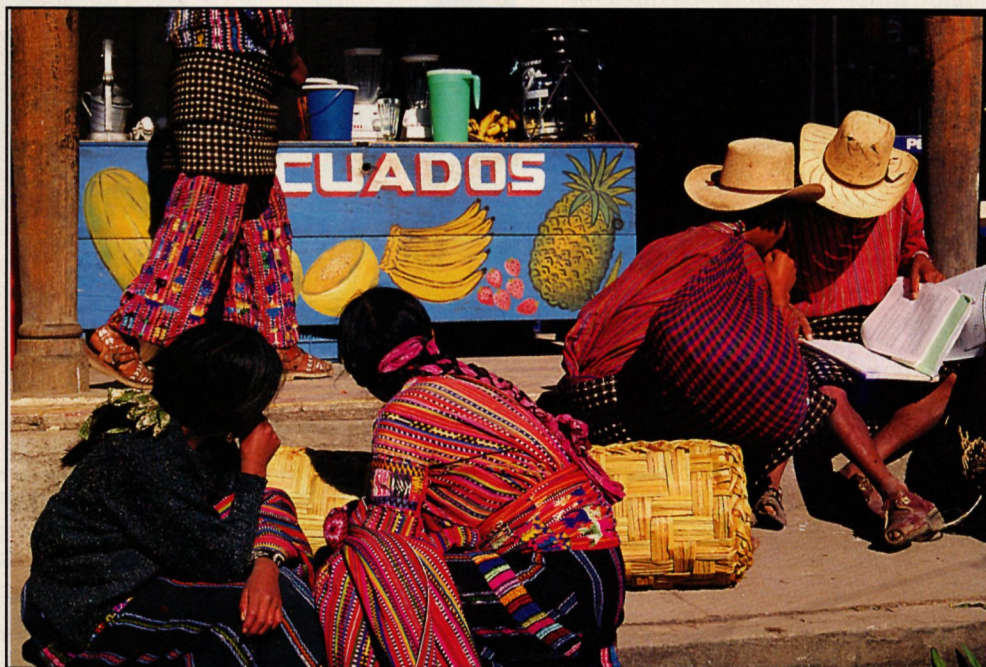
BY LISL DENNIS

Like swords, the cutting edge of film quality is sharpness, and Kodak and Fuji have been dueling for years in the film quality wars. Deciding who is the winner of the moment is a tricky judgment call, especially when informed film choice is so subjective.

What's the film choice criteria? Professional and art photographers choose a film that best expresses their style. Many fashion photographers go for the pushed-to-the-limit look. The last thing Sarah Moon, Deborah Turbeville and Sheila Metzner want is the sharpest film in the arsenal—romantic grain is the Holy Grail for these shooting stars.

My style is best served by maximum depth of field and sharpness. Therefore, I'll always pay attention when one of the majors claims to have produced a new film on the cutting edge of sharpness, unless it's just too slow on the draw as is any ISO 50 emulsion for general on-and-off-the-tripod travel photography.

What converts me? Here's the fairy tale—unexpurgated version. The knights in shining armor of the film wars are the regional technical representatives whose job it is to convince the retail camera stores to stock



their companies' film as well as to carry the Kodak and Fuji banners into the consciousness of professional photographers. These crusades have taken two forms for me.

Like most pros of my generation, I was a confirmed Kodachrome shooter for many years. One day in New York City, my apartment's



intercom buzzed. A crusading Fuji representative introduced himself cold turkey. I let him in, listened and accepted five free rolls of Fuji 100 RDP. I paid for and shot Fuji 100 in 35mm and 120mm formats exclusively for the next six years.

I attended the Photo Marketing Association (PMA) Show in Atlanta, Ga., in February, 1993. Advance flares sent up in the press had alerted me to Kodak's new E-6 transparency film entries—Ektachrome Lumiere Professional Films (see "Lepp On Lumiere," *OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHER*, August '93 issue) and the amateur Ektachrome Elite. At the PMA show, I spent some time bent over a light table analyzing chrome comparisons. Since that time, I've been "crusaded" by Kodak's southwestern technical representative, shot my 10 gratis rolls of Elite, listened, looked and now I'm on my own. (No, pros don't get comped for life.)

This is what I heard: Elite's color balance is somewhere between the two pro Lumiere warm and neutral emulsions. The T-Grain technology introduced by Kodak into certain emulsion layers of its black-and-white films is now incorporated into all layers of the new Lumiere and Elite films in all formats. In fact, what Kodak calls "tiny Ts," even smaller bits for better sharpness and finer grain, are included as well. Then I heard the refrain about clean whites and neutral grays. On my light table and projected on a screen at 50 feet, this is what I saw: the sharpest ISO 100 slides that light ever passed through. Elitism!

This is what I think: Image quality isn't the result of any single element. Rather, it's a byproduct of the optical quality of the lens used, technical excellence, which means correct exposure and no camera motion, and the color, contrast, grain and sharpness of the film in use. It stands to reason that even the best film exposed through plastic in the middle of a bender isn't going to perform to the max.

The color rendition of Fuji 100 and Kodak's new Elite are so similar you could ding yourself testing this edge. The Elite may be a hair more saturated, but color balance has never twisted my knickers overmuch

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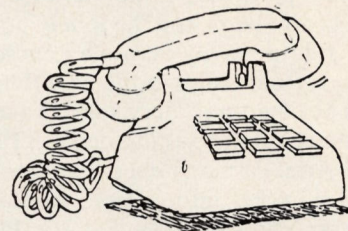
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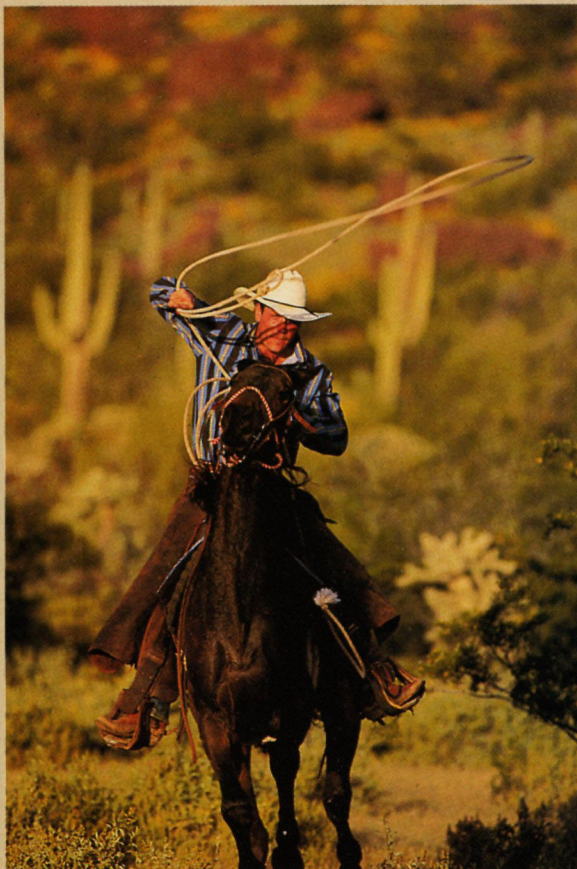
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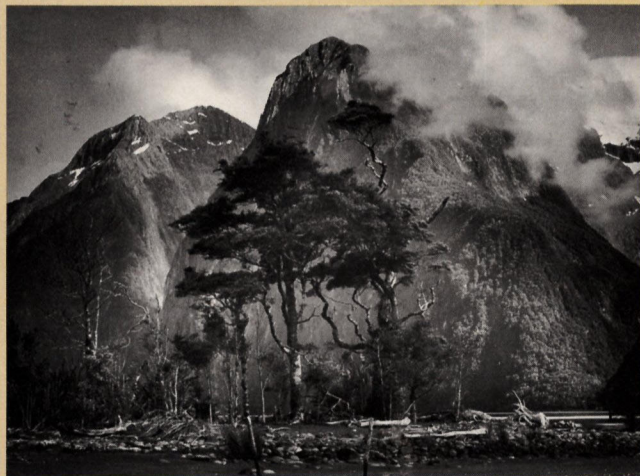
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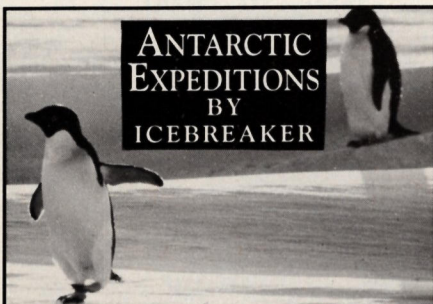
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What bugs me? As anyone knows who has come to my travel photography workshop in Santa Fe, N.M., I have a thing about white distractions in photographs—the cigarette butt in the lower corner, white candy wrapper kicking back a hot spot, too much overexposed sky, lonely little clouds of no aesthetic significance dragging my eyes right through a hole. Yes, the eye is always attracted to the lightest area or item in an image, so that white thing better be worth it.

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With all the staring I've done at Fuji 100 RDP versus Elite and Lumiere chromes, to my eye it's a draw in the highlight detail contest. What am I saying on balance? I'll probably use Kodak's new Elite, and I'll probably need a razor eye to detect much difference in sharpness between the two Lumiere pro films and the Elite. That's what I'm told. I'll check this out just as everyone needs to test new films for themselves.

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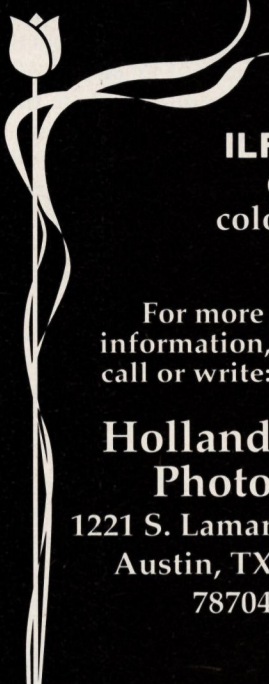
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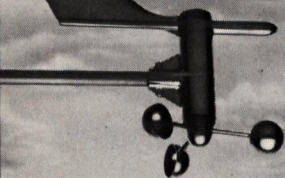
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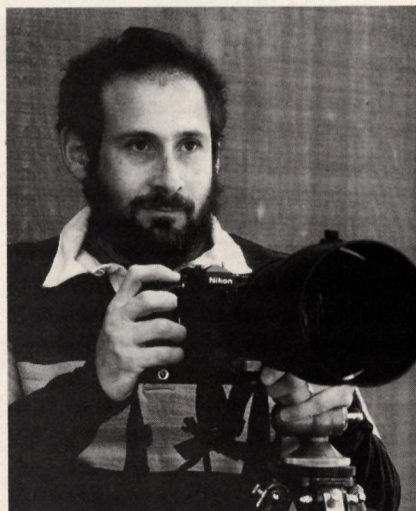
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Once I size the wolf, I can then place it where I want in the picture. Since the original wolf photograph was taken under brighter light, I choose "Adjust" and "Brightness and Contrast" from the "Image" column and darken the wolf a bit. Next, I copy the wolf once more and choose "Rotate" from the "Image" column again to make the reflection image of the wolf. I place the reflection in the pond and use the clone tool to touch up the edges and make it blend in better. There you have it. A picture of a wolf howling at the full moon, next to a rainbow at sunset, while an eagle flies by!

This image was composed primarily with the copy and paste features of Adobe Photoshop, but the program is capable of much more. Some additional features include the ability to change the color of one particular area; to burn and dodge with controls over whether the burn or dodge affects just the shadow, mid-tones or highlights; to remove obstructions from a picture; to spot-control contrast, brightness, saturation and hue; and to sharpen soft areas or blur sharp areas, to name just a few.

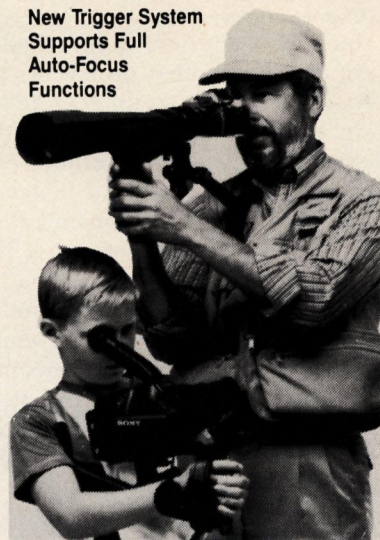
I'm not saying that this picture is believable or not—I don't think we will ever be able to believe what we see in pictures again. But I do want to show you that with an electronic darkroom, you can create any image you want—you're only limited by your imagination. **OP**



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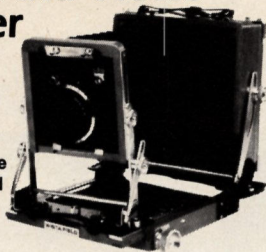
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PHOTO ADVENTURE

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who never progress beyond trying to copy what they believe is before their eyes. Great photographs normally incorporate a degree of logically unexplainable "bottom-up" visual intuition with a firm base of "top-down" direct symbolism of what is indeed there to be seen.

Common wisdom has it that only human beings are capable of symbolism, language and making sense of patterns on flat paper representing something else, as in photographs and paintings. It's hardly coincidence that two of the only apes known to have created representational drawings, Moja the chimpanzee and Koko the gorilla, were trained in sign language and thus had an organized form of symbolism wired into their minds. Koko, in fact, went on to stunning success as a photographer with a self-portrait that became a *National Geographic* cover.

I chuckle, imagining what that visionary doubter might have said to me had I brought up Koko's success: "The photograph really isn't that good. It's just like affirmative action: If I took it, it wouldn't have run. They chose it because a monkey did it."

An art psychology experiment in the '60s presented subjects with paintings done by a child, a chimpanzee and two adult painters. No information on the artists was given. Chimpanzee paintings were preferred over those done by adult artists. Beyond the obvious humor of this study is the realization that chimpanzees can produce primal art that evokes a common response in human experience. Human art begins to fail when it pursues, not this central emotional response, but the barren polar opposites of a pure mental exercise or a found object with minimal interpretation, as in most outdoor photography that gives us the feeling, "that doesn't do anything for me."

As Helen the monkey benefitted from exploring an intuitive world she couldn't see, so can photographers who seek results beyond what can be directly observed. The bottom line is that consistently creative photography requires learning to bridge the invisible chasm between an engineer's technical mastery and a blind monkey's unself-conscious intuition. OP

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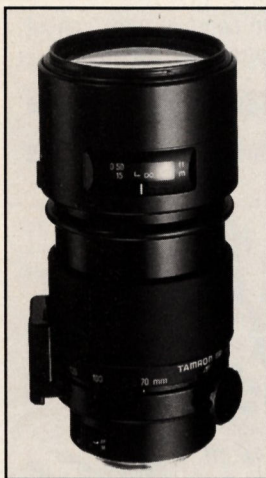
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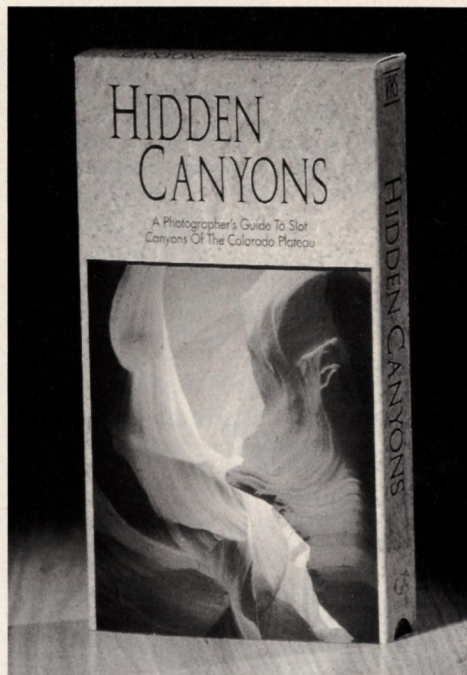


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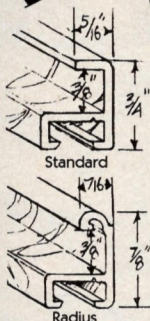
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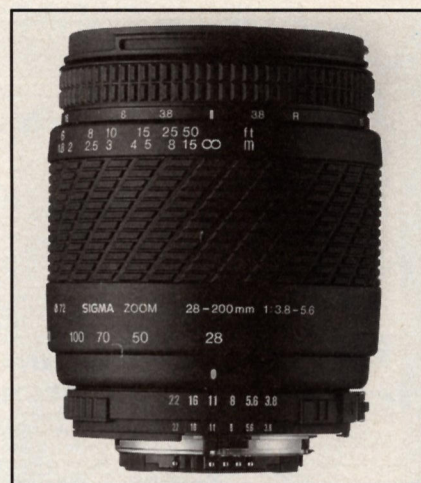
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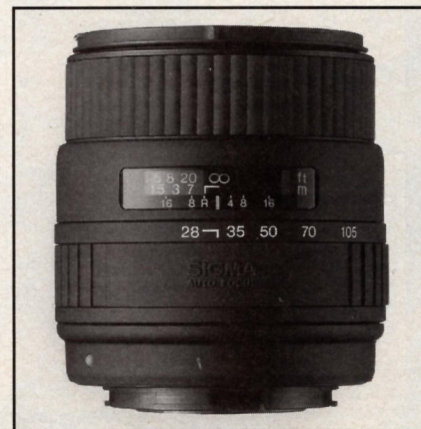


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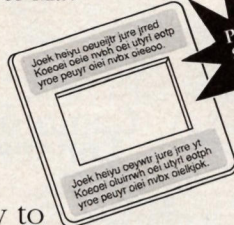
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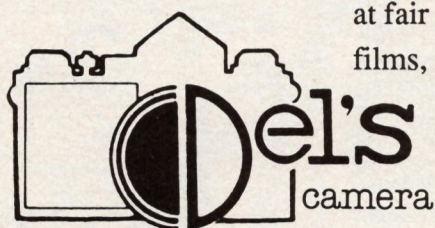
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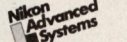
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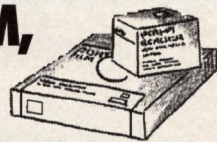
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FP4 Plus (125)	12.49	47.95	41.95	-	-	-	-
HP-5 Plus (400)	12.49	44.89	40.95	-	-	-	-
XP-2 (400)	14.95	57.95	49.89	-	-	-	-
ORTHO	12.49	-	47.95	-	-	-	-

KONICA

ASA	135/24	w/Proc.	135/36	w/Proc.	120/12
100	1.99	7.49	2.29	9.99	2.49
200	2.99	8.49	3.93	11.29	-
400	3.46	8.99	4.41	11.69	2.89
3200	5.93	11.39	7.24	14.95	4.92

ProPrint

SAG 160	3.09	8.49	4.12	11.29	2.49
New Impreso (50/3.99)	8.99	4.99	11.99	3.79	-
Infrared 750	5.49	-	4.95	-	-
** 220 PP	24.89	-	-	-	-

Chrome

NEW 100	-	-	2.99	6.58	-
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POLAROID

NEW High Definition SPECTRA (10)	9.29
SX-70 (10)	9.75
3 1/4 x 4 1/4 (Single)	6.41
New Polacolor 100 or 647	8.49
107	6.49
664	7.29
667	5.85
Fuji P100C (10 Exp.) 669 Equiv.	14.99

PACK FILM 4x5 (Images)

552 (8)	13.79	552 Bulk (240)	389.
553 (8)	13.89	554 (8)	13.79
559 (8)	21.69	559 Bulk (240)	619.95

SHEET FILM 4x5 (20 / 200 Sheets)

51	31.95	52	31.69
53	34.95 / 339.95	54	33.75 / 329.95
55	34.95 / 334.95	57	37.95
58	64.95	59	51.95 / 499.
64T Polacolor	56.95 / 539.95	Prochrome (E6)	37.49

SHEET FILM 8x10 (Images)

803 (15)	108.95	804 (15)	108.95
809 (15)	108.95	809 (45)	303.
		Holder 8x10	169.

POLAROID 35mm

35mm Auto Processor	249.95
35mm Auto Processor	94.95
Illuminated Slide Mounter	29.89
Slide Mounter	15.49
Slide Mounts (100)	6.19
Vivitar Slide Printer	92.95

RELOADABLE CASSETTES

Kodak Ea. 99 100 pcs.	93.95
Plastic Ea. 48 100 pcs.	44.95
Metal Ea. 34 100 pcs.	32.95

BULK LOADERS

TELSON Bulk Loader	9.95
WATSON Bulk Loader	13.95
LLOYDS Bulk Loader	16.95
Alden Bulk Loader	23.95

AGFA

RS Chrome	135-36	120	XP-1	135-36	120
RS 50 Plus	5.10	3.35	100	3.79	-
RS 100 Plus	5.99	3.65	200	4.29	2.79
RS 200	7.25	4.15	400	4.65	2.95
RS 1000	9.39	4.79	1000/24x	4.45	3.95
Agfaapan 25-100-400/135-36	3.49	120	2.29	-	-
Triade Ultra-Optima-Portrait 36 exp.	5.15	120	3.49	-	-
Optima (200) 135-36	5.99	120	3.89	-	-

COLOR PRINT FILM

	ASA	135-24	135-24 Proc.	135-36	135-36 Proc.
		DI	Roch.	DI	Roch.
Ektor (25)	2.89	4.29	8.69	10.24	4.65
Ektor (100)	2.65	3.99	8.54	9.94	3.19
Ektor (1000)	3.95	5.29	9.95	11.24	5.39
GA (1000)	1.89	3.19	7.84	9.14	2.59
GB (200)	2.49	3.75	8.29	9.70	3.25
GC (400)	2.75	4.05	8.49	9.99	3.59
GF (1600)	4.79	5.19	10.95	11.14	6.09

Special GA 36 50 Pack 127.45 199.95 499.00 569.95

KODAK DISPOSABLES

	w/o Proc.	w/Proc.	w/o Proc.	w/Proc.
Funsaver w/o Flash	6.45	13.49	Panoramic 35	8.89
Funsaver with Flash	10.95	17.95	Funsaver telephoto	9.95
Weekend 35	9.75	16.89	Funsaver Portrait	15.95

PRO PRINT FILM

	ASA	135-24	135-24 Proc.	24	36	135-36	135-36 Proc.
		DI	Roch.	DI	Roch.	DI	Roch.
PHR (25)	-	-	-	-	-	5.39	5.49
VPS (160)	3.19	3.69	8.89	9.64	2.59	3.35	4.09

2.99 3.99 27.69 28.95 66.49 68.70

YPH (400) 5.55 5.99 13.45 13.95 - 12.45 13.25 51.99 52.99

PPA (100) 2.69 3.95 10.44 11.90 - 18.30 24.95 57.95 64.70

PPB (400) 3.79 4.99 11.35 12.94 - - - - -

PPC (1600) 4.99 6.25 12.89 14.20 - - - - -

120 / 220 / BULK COLOR PRO PRINT FILM

	ASA	120	220 PP	220 PP	100'
		DI	Roch.	DI	Roch.
PHR (25)	3.49	3.99	-	-	-
GA (100)	2.15	2.99	-	-	-
VP (120)	2.05	2.49	-	-	-
YPS (160)	2.75	3.05	13.75	15.25	26.75
YHC (160)	2.89	3.05	14.00	15.25	30.29
VPL (160)	2.80	3.05	18.99	15.25	-
YPH (400)	3.29	3.66	16.45	18.29	34.50

KODAK COLOR PRINT SHEET FILM

	10	4x5	50	10	5x7	50	10	8x10	50
4106 (VPS)	15.49	70.95	-	124.89	57.95	-	-	-	-
4108 (VPL)	15.49	70.95	-	28.95	-	57.95	-	-	-
4111 (Vericolor Print)	9.95	-	-	-	-	32.95	139.95	-	-
4112 (Vericolor Integ.)	15.95	72.95	29.95	-	-	59.95	269.95	-	-
4114 (Vericolor Integ.)	15.95	72.95	29.95	-	-	59.95	279.95	-	-
4325 (Comm Inst.)	16.99	64.89	-	-	-	54.89	-	-	-
4329 (VHC)	15.49	70.95	31.95	-	-	59.95	289.95	-	-
Masking (4570)	-	62.95	-	94.95	-	-	204.95	-	-
6556-100'	24.95	5072-100'	58.95	-	-	-	-	-	-

FUJI FILM

FUJICOLOR HR PRINT

	ASA	24	w/p	36	w/p	120	Nwsp G
ON (100)	1.85	7.79	2.05	7.99	2.40	3.85	-
CA (200)	2.29	8.19	2.59	10.45	-	4.40	-
CH (400)	2.59	8.49	3.65	11.14	2.65	4.79	-
CU (1600)	3.67	9.25	5.40	13.29	-	-	-
CS Reale (220)	2.49	8.39	3.35	11.19	2.59	-	-

FUJICHROME

	24	w/Proc.	36	w/Proc.
RF (50)	3.39	6.29	4.99	7.99
RD (100)	2.49	4.99	3.69	6.49
RD (400)	4.45	7.25	5.35	7.99

FUJI PROFESSIONAL

	135-36	120	65	220	100'
RFP (50)	6.20	3.59	4.99	7.97	86.69
RFP (100)	5.35	3.39	3.99	-	69.95
RTP (64)	6.39	3.45	4.99	-	69.95
RTP (100)	5.79	3.23	4.39	7.45	73.99
New RHP (400)	6.99	5.79	-	-	94.49
New RSP (1600)	8.99	-	-	-	-
NSP (160)	3.95	2.40	-	5.69	38.39
NLP (160)	4.77	2.82	-	-	-
WIG (400)	4.77	3.19	-	6.59	-
Neopan (400)	2.29	2.05	-	-	26.49
Neopan (100)	1.99	1.99	(1600) 135-36	3.45	-
NLP (160) 20 Sh.	24.45	-	-	-	-
NLP (160) 20 Sh.	24.45	-	-	-	-
Fuji Quick Load	49.89	RVP	52.89	-	-

SHEET FILM

	4x5	4x5	8x10	8x10
	10	50	10	50
RVP (50)	16.99	73.99	62.99	292.00
RFP (50)	14.95	60.39	56.95	259.95
RTP (64)	14.95	66.39	54.95	257.95
RTP (100)	14.95	69.95	52.95	249.95
NSP (160) 20 Sh.	24.45	-	49.45	-
NLP (160) 20 Sh.	24.45	-	49.45	-
Fuji Quick Load	49.89	RVP	52.89	-

FUJI MAILERS

for Color Slide 36

Exp. 135-36

3.09

GS RDP 24

3.09

GS RVP 24

3.29

Fuji RVP 135-24

5.29

Neopan 400-24

1.49

FUJI DISPOSABLES

Quick Snap

5.99

w/flash

9.49

Panorama

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Waterproof

10.79

Neop Panorama

17.95

Flash 135-24

17.95

Scotch 3M

COLOR PRINT

135-24 w/Proc.

100 2.08

200 2.43

400 2.49

1000 6.49

9.99

COLOR SLIDE

135-36 w/Proc.

100 2.99

400 4.99

8.29

6.49

9.99

KODAK SLIDE FILM

	ASA	135-24		135-24 Proc.		135-36		135-36 Proc.	
		DI	Rochester	DI	Rochester	DI	Rochester	DI	Proc.
KM	(25)	4.25	4.49	7.04	7.80	5.89	6.25	9.19	9.79
KR	(64)	4.19	4.49	7.28	7.75	5.79	6.25	9.19	9.79
EM	(50)	4.19	4.69	7.18	7.35	5.49	6.38	8.99	9.97
EC	(100)	3.75	4.67	6.48	7.35	3.89	6.38	7.48	9.97
ET	(160)	4.89	5.57	8.88	8.28	5.99	7.64	9.58	11.20
KL	(200)	4.69	5.49	7.39	8.28	6.09	7.64	9.69	11.20
ED	(400)	5.09	6.49	7.75	8.18	7.10	7.49	10.59	11.08
* EL	(400)	5.39	5.60	8.29	9.29	6.49	6.49	9.89	12.08

* *Hydramore 353 is New Elite Film*

LAST FRAME



***LOOK OUT BELOWWW:** Just before sunset, Ned, a veteran skydiver (top), took Billy on his first tandem parachute jump over Buckeye, Ariz. Photographer Aimee Madsen wanted to portray the feeling she had the first time she let go of the plane and fell into nothingness. The color and diffusion were created by placing a plastic bag painted with oils over the head of her Sunpak flash, combined with the use of a long, hand-held exposure to further blur the image.*

Canon F-1, Canon 24mm, Sunpak flash covered by painted plastic bag for filtration, Fujichrome 100,
 $\frac{1}{8}$ sec. at $f/8$

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